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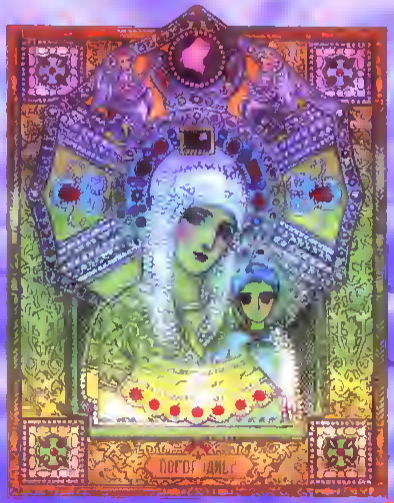



濡れの依頼で、ロマノフ王朝を破滅に追い込んだ怪僧ラスプーチンが愛用していた「呪いの十字架」の鑑定をすることになったカムイ。
だがその直後、濡れが姿を消してしまった。
カムイは濡れをさがすため、ロシアへと向かうが――!?

美少年は七変化

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# INTRODUCTION PAGE

**Sena Takuto**

He s a man of mystery, a student of Yoka University and currently defer ring his studies Acclaimed to be the descendent of Russia s last princess Princess Anastasia His identity is acknowledged by Milukov

**Tsubaki Kamui**

Grand daughter of Tsubaki Juugorou the acclaimed genius antiquarian She learnt all her skills from her grandfather She is a second year student in the high school managed by Yoka University

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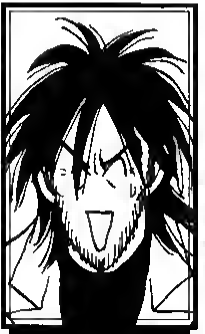
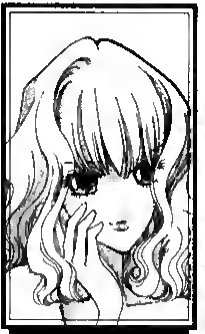


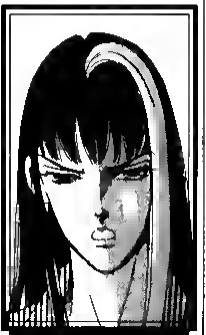
**Professor Daiichi Kou**

Professor of Yoka University



**Hoshi Ikatsuchi ou Otto**

Sena's ex-girlfriend

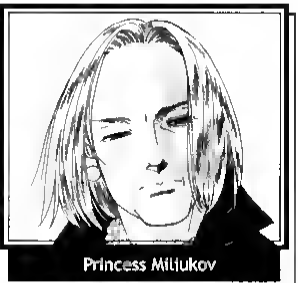


**Sumi Reisuke**

Sena's classmate

**Vladimir Nikolayevich Davidov**

He's a talented ballet dancer who's the adopted son of Princess Miliukov



**Princess Miliukov**

Related to Romanov Royal Family by blood

## ③ Story so far...

Because of the investiagtion of the Romanov Easter Eggs, Sena and Kamui met each other. Sena claimed to be the grandson of Princess Anastasia. As he resembled Alexander III's picture, which was found within the Easter Egg, he was acknowledged as the descendent of Romanov Royal Family. Later, Princess Miliukov wanted to adopt Sena and bring him along to travel the world. However, Sena turned down the offer to be her adopted son

Lot.13

"IF SOMEONE TRIES TO KILL ME, RASPUTIN,
THEN YOU, THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA,
AND YOUR BELOVED FAMILY AND RELATIVES,
WILL REMAIN ALIVE FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS.
YOU WILL DIE IN THE HANDS OF RUSSIANS."

Romanov Secret Treasure Exhibition
OH... MY.
HOW MUCH ARE THESE WORTH?
NO WONDER IT'S THE WORLD'S WEALTHIEST ROMANOV MONARCH.

RIGHT, KAMUI?
THE TRAGEDY HAPPENED ABOUT 80 YEARS AGO,
BECAUSE OF THE REVOLUTION, THE EMPEROR AND ROYAL FAMILY WERE BRUTALLY KILLED.
WAS OVERRULED BY THE REVOLUTION THAT HAPPENED OVERNIGHT.
TIME IS A REALLY CRUEL THING-THE MONARCH HAD RULED FOR 300 YEARS,
Ushas
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, KAMUI?
AFTER THIS, THEY WERE MURDERED, LIFE IS SO UNPREDICTABLE-
THE LAST EMPEROR NICHOLAS II AND EMPRESS TSARINA
THIS IS THE PHOTO OF
Ushas

PERHAPS I'M READING TOO MUCH INTO IT
BUT I'M EXCITED!
THINK ABOUT IT, HE SENT US THE ENTRANCE TICKETS
HE MUST BE BACK IN JAPAN!
SENA MUST BE AROUND HERE
I FEEL THAT...
ARE YOU MORE INTERESTED IN LIVING BEINGS?

HE'S RIGHT
THE MOMENT WHERE SENA KISSED ME SEEMS LIKE A DRE
HE'S ALWAYS COME AND GO LIKE THE WIND
IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHETHER THAT BAKA IS BACK OR NOT...
AFTER THIS WHILE, THAT BAKA HAS NOT DONE ANYTHING RIGHT?
DEFERRING HIS STUDIES AT YOKA UNIVERSITY TO GO TO RUSSIA, THEN BACK TO JAPAN ——

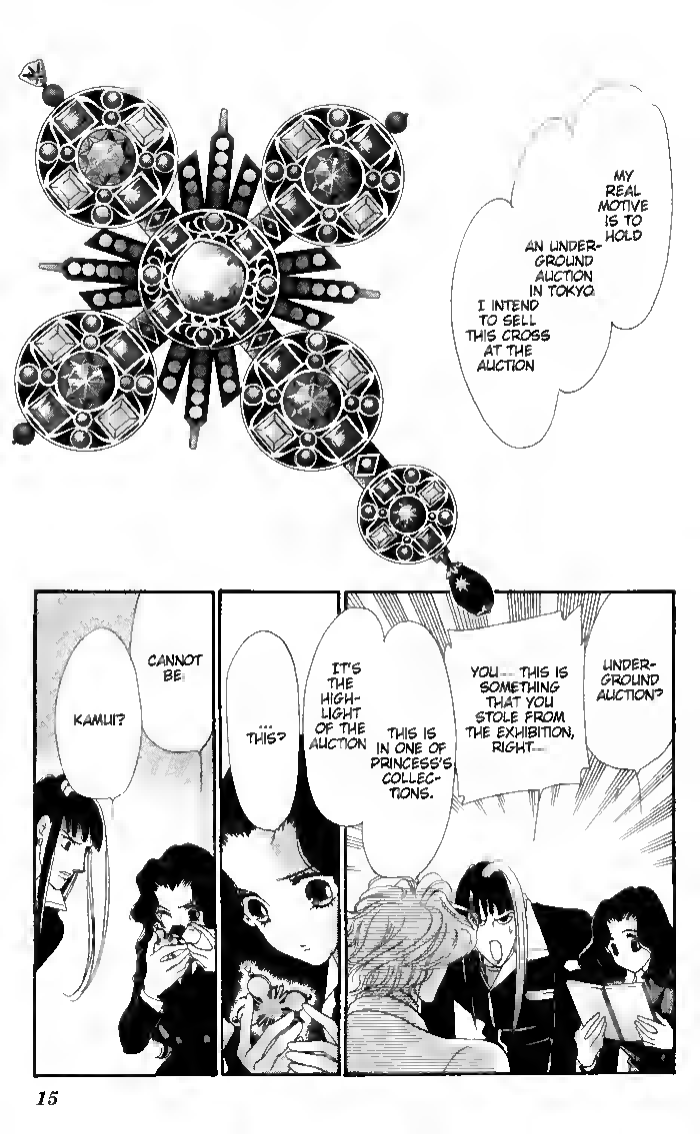
ALTHOUGH YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT OF HIM,
I'M STIL IN LOVE WITH HIM BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT SENA'S FEELING TOWARDS ME IS
SUCH AN AMBIGUOUS RELATIONSHIP
SIGH
IT MUST BE HARD ON SENA TOO,
SO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED WITHIN SUCH A SHORT TIMEFRAME
SHOU SUMI?
HMM? NO RESPONSE? SHOU SUMI?
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT..
AH!
66
Gregory Efimovich Rasputin
(date of birth unkown ~ 1916)

"HE WAS BORN A FARMER, BUT HE WAS AN EVIL MONSTER, WHO CONTROLLED THE ROMANOV ROYAL COUPLE IN THE DARK. IN THE END, HE WAS ASSASSINATED BY THE PEOPLE WHO FEARED HIM."
"RASPUTIN WAS A ECCENTRIC MONK
"WHO HAD THE POWER TO PREDICT THE FUTURE AND HEAL THE SICK.
THIS IS SO WEIRD. JUST LOOKING AT THE THIS PHOTO MAKES MY HAIR STAND
HE REALLY IS THE MOST TERRIFYING, MOST STRANGE UNCLE TO STAND IN HISTORY
FOOLISH PEOPLE WHO
STAND BEFORE ME!
The picture is talking to us?
Huh?
WHAT IS IT ABOUT ME
THAT YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH?!
ROMANOV EMPIRE WAS WIPED OUT AS RESULT OF MY CURSE! I AM INVINCIBLE!
I AM THE DEVIL THAT WILL NEVER DIE..

"I AM..
GREGORY EFIMOVICH RASPUTIN..."
SENA...

* Orthodox Bible used by the Russians during their prayers
ANOTHER THING, THE SPOTLIGHTS FOR NUMBER 45 BIBLE IS TOO DARK
YES, MR SENA
RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR WILL BRING THE GUESTS OVER FOR A TOUR AT 3 PM
Huh? What?
YES, MR SENA
AH, MR. SENA,
IT MUST BE HARD ON YOU
I ALREADY PUT BACK THE CORRECT SIGN
RELAX! RELAX!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?
YOU'LL BE SCOLDED BY THEM!
Throne of Emperor Nicholas II 19C
SENA?
I'M ORGANIZED THIS SECRET TREASURE EXHIBITION.
Sponsored by Russian Ambassador Culture Department
Co Sponsored by Milliukove Romanov

I HOPE TO BECOME A REPUTABLE ENTREPRENEUR IN TRADING ART PIECES.
NOW I AM HERE AS AN ART DEALER INTERN, TO GAIN EXPERIENCE
AND ASSISTED US IN MAKING THIS EXHIBITION SUCH A BIG EVENT
THANKS TO THE PRINCESS, THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE
ALTHOUGH MY IDENTITY IS ONLY A CONTRACT STAFF OF EUROPEAN AUCTION HOUSE,
FOR REAL
SO YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE BUSINESS IN TRADING ART-
...
LOOK AT HOW YOU MAKE YOURSELF SOUND SO INCREDIBLE, YOU'RE JUST MAKING A FOOL OF US, RIGHT?
BEING AN INTERN IS JUST A SMOKESCREEN.
YOU'RE REALLY SHARP
I SEE THAT CUNNING LOOK AGAIN
YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND, RIGHT?

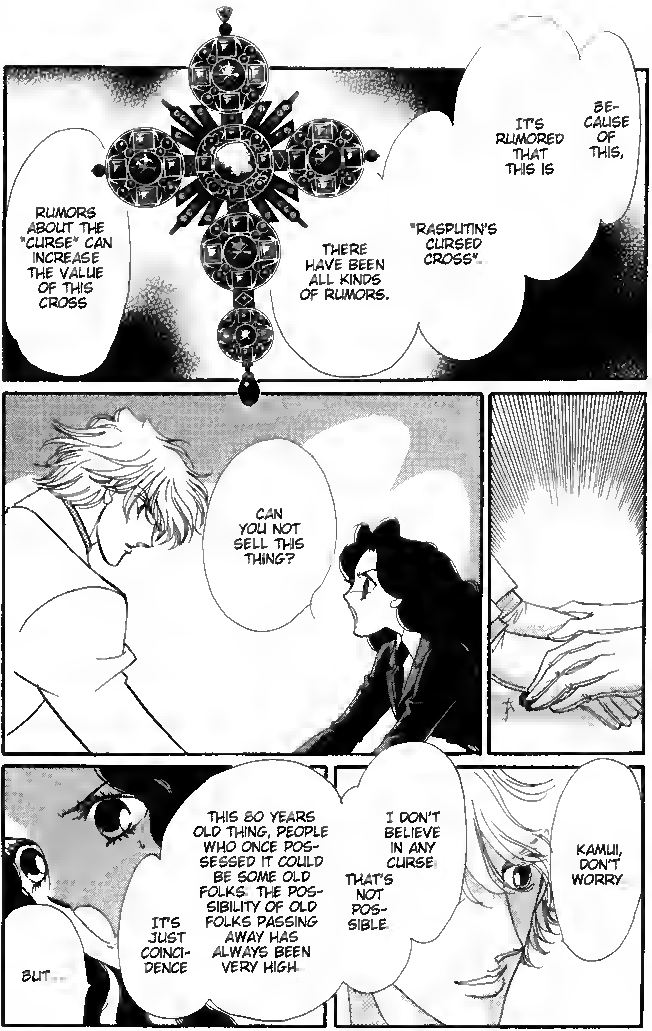

MY REAL MOTIVE IS TO HOLD AN UNDER-GROUND AUCTION IN TOKYO.
I INTEND TO SELL THIS CROSS AT THE AUCTION
UNDER-GROUND AUCTION?
YOU— THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU STOLE FROM THE EXHIBITION, RIGHT—
THIS IS IN ONE OF PRINCESS'S COLLEC-TIONS.
IT'S THE HIGH-LIGHT OF THE AUCTION
...THIS?
CANNOT BE.
KAMUI?

ATROCIOUS
I FEEL MUCH BETTER STARTING THE BID AT A HIGHER PRICE
AFTER HEARING THIS FROM YOU, MY HEART IS AT EASE
THIS WILL LEAD TO A HUGE DISCOUNT IN PRICE
IT'S QUITE HEAVY I THINK THE BASE IS NOT GOLD, SHOULD BE LEAD
IT'S ONLY SOMEWHAT AGED PRODUCT
THE PRODUCTION DATE, NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IS WITHIN 100 YEARS.
THOUGH IT'S DECORATED WITH DIAMONDS AND GEMS,
YOU PURPOSEFULLY WANTED TO PUT THIS ON AUCTION DURING THE UNDERGROUND AUCTION, IS IT BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING BEHIND THIS CROSS?
THE STORY BEHIND IT IS...
THIS
YOU'RE GOOD.

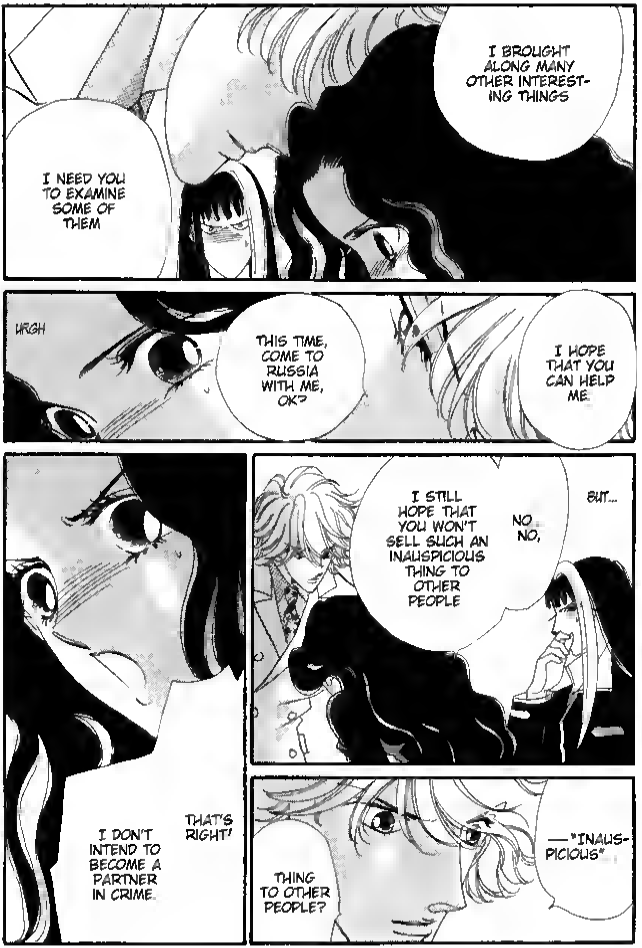
※ Something that's existed for more than 100 years can then be called an antique

—
JUST NOW THAT PHOTO,
IT'S THE CROSS HE WORE IN FRONT OF HIS CHEST?
AND THIS CROSS —
TO DATE ALREADY KILLED 3 PEOPLE.
THIS IS THE "CURSED CROSS OF RASPUTIN"

GAVE A PREMONITION OF DEFEAT IN THE WAR, THE REVOLUTION, AND HIS OWN DEATH
RASPUTIN, EVIL IS IN HIS BLOOD, THIS "HOLY DEVIL",
IT WAS SAID THAT HIS ASSASSINATORS, THOSE WHO FEARED HIM, NOT ONLY POISONED HIM WITH CYANIDE, BUT EVEN SHOT HIM MULTIPLE TIMES. YET HE STILL MANAGED TO ESCAPE DEATH
FINALLY, HE WAS THROWN INTO THE RIVER. HIS FINGERS COULD STILL DRAW A CROSS IN THE AIR.
IN THE END, HE WAS BEATEN TO DEATH, UNTIL HE WAS ALL BRUISED AND HIS EYES FLEW OUT.
THE THREE, WHO KEPT THIS CROSS FOR ALMOST 6 YEARS, ALL DIED MYSTERIOUSLY.


BECAUSE OF THIS,
IT'S RUMORED THAT THIS IS
"RASPUTIN'S CURSED CROSS".
THERE HAVE BEEN ALL KINDS OF RUMORS.
RUMORS ABOUT THE "CURSE" CAN INCREASE THE VALUE OF THIS CROSS
CAN YOU NOT SELL THIS THING?
KAMUI, DON'T WORRY
I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANY CURSE
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE
THIS 80 YEARS OLD THING, PEOPLE WHO ONCE POSSESSED IT COULD BE SOME OLD FOLKS. THE POSSIBILITY OF OLD FOLKS PASSING AWAY HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY HIGH.
IT'S JUST COINCIDENCE
BUT...

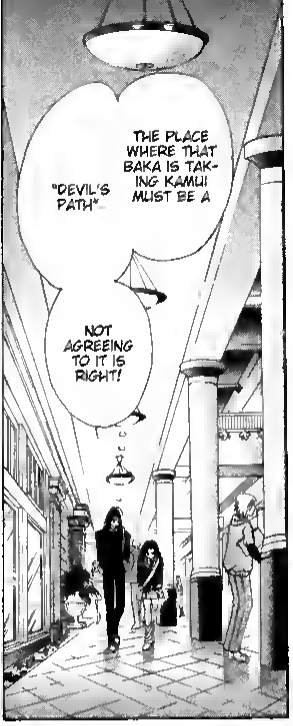
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? PRINCESS HAS THE ROMANOV WORLD CLOCK.
RUMORS ABOUT THE "CURSE" ARE SIMPLY RUMORS
BEFORE THIS, SHE HAD A LITTLE COLD BUT SHE IS STILL IN GOOD HEALTH
PRINCESS HAD THIS CROSS FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
IT'S BECAUSE NIKOLAYEVICH SAID THAT THIS THING IS A BIT SPOOKY, THAT'S WHY THE PRINCESS IS SELLING IT AWAY!
THEN WHY DID PRINCESS WANT YOU TO SELL THIS?
IN THE END, DIDN'T YOU PROVE THAT IT WASN'T CURSED?
EVERYBODY SAID THAT THE CLOCK STOPPED WORKING BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN CURSED BY RASPUTIN.
HUH?
UNDER-STAND.


I BROUGHT ALONG MANY OTHER INTERESTING THINGS
I NEED YOU TO EXAMINE SOME OF THEM
URGH
THIS TIME, COME TO RUSSIA WITH ME, OK?
I HOPE THAT YOU CAN HELP ME.
I STILL HOPE THAT YOU WON'T SELL SUCH AN INAUSPICIOUS THING TO OTHER PEOPLE
NO, NO,
BUT...
I DON'T INTEND TO BECOME A PARTNER IN CRIME.
THAT'S RIGHT!
THING TO OTHER PEOPLE?
—"INAUSPICIOUS"

GRANDFATHER DIDN'T RAISE ME TO DO SUCH THINGS.
KAMUI'S GREAT!
THAT GUY'S NOT ONLY A BAKA, HE'S A DEVIL AS WELL!
Yoka University
KAMUI
OKAY THEN

BUT... I'M REGRETTING

WHAT?
AFTER THAT DAY...
I FEEL SO LISTLESS
I EVEN MISSED THE "INTERESTING ANTIQUE" AND "GREAT ANTIQUE" PROGRAMS I USED TO WATCH EVERY DAY...


THE PLACE WHERE THAT BAKA IS TAKING KAMUI MUST BE A "DEVIL'S PATH"...
NOT AGREEING TO IT IS RIGHT!

ONE-SIDED LOVE HOW PATHETIC
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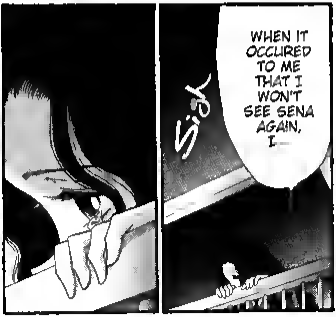
すきっ
YOU... YOU MUST NOT BEHAVE LIKE THIS!


WHEN IT OCCURED TO ME THAT I WON'T SEE SENA AGAIN, I...
ジッ

Sera's Underground Auction
THAT'S GREAT. A GIRL GOT SICK SO THERE'S AN OPENING
Ah, is Sera!
MANAGER, HOW IS IT,
PASS THE TEST?
Full of confidence
IS SHE REALLY 18?
...
don't allow underage kids here.

EVEN THOUGH SHE LOOKS LIKE AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER
With this kind of clothes
PASS!
AH AH LITTLE BUNNY!
COME OVER HERE -
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
18 YEARS OLD
Are you an elementary schooler?
SHE SEEMS WELCOMED.
How about a cup of wine?
There're many Japanese here!
KAMUI ♡
THIS IS ILLEGAL

IS THIS OKAY?
THAT PERVERTED OLD MAN!
WAIT...
HOW ABOUT CLIMBING UP TO MY KNEES? I'LL PAY YOU 10 THOUSAND DOLLARS
I JUST EARNED 5 THOUSAND DOLLARS! ♡
HOSHI,
AH-OKAY
there are thousand
NOT OKAY
THEN JUST GIVE ME 3 333 INSTEAD
HOW ABOUT THIS?
HMM. I'M ONLY ABOUT 1/3 SATISFIED
KAMUI THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION.

KAMUI?
HOSHI, DID YOU BRING HER HERE?
WHAT IS GOING ON?
HURRY, WORK, WORK.
I HAVE TO GO ON STAGE TO DANCE NOW.
Hahaha, to make money...

Sorry, wrong movie.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SORRY FOR THE WAIT
Hahaha look at the stupid girl dancing on stage
HOSHI REALLY KNOWS HOW TO BE LAZY

TONIGHT WE'VE ESPECIALLY CHOSEN THE GUESTS -
TO COME AND ENTER THE WORLD'S BEST - ROMANOV'S SECRET TREASURE AUCTION
AUCTION START!
THE CURRENCY USED IS US DOLLARS,
WITH ONE DOLLAR EQUALS 123 YEN
BARRY'S
CAN YOU SHOW ME THE PROGAM?
LITTLE BUNNY LIKES ANTIQUES?
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY...
I LIKE THEM.
NUMBER 3.
RUSSIA'S TRADITIONAL STYLE GOLDEN CUP
THERE'S THE MONARCHY'S CREST OF THE DOUBLE HEADED EAGLE
STARTING AT 9 THOUSAND US

AH SUMI, THANKS
DID YOU SEE IT?
JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE...
LET ME LOOK FOR A MOMENT!
SORRY.
THOSE WHO WISH TO COLLECT THIS PRICELESS ITEM, PLEASE COME FORWARD.
DID YOU SEE IT LITTLE BUNNY?
A BEAUTIFUL CLIP, ISN'T IT?
YES BUT...

※七宝焼きのこと。
OF THE FOUR CHINA PLATES, THE ONE IN MAYBE FRONT IS BURNT UNCLEAR BY SOME-THING HOT.
THE HANDLE OF THE CUP DOES NOT SEEM NATURAL.
MAY HAVE BEEN FIXED BEFORE.
IT HAS NOT BEEN KEPT VERY WELL.
SO AROUND 8,500 - MAYBE?
NUMBER 7. GOLDEN TABLE CLOCK.
I THOUGHT I SAW THIS BEFORE IN A MU-SEUM.
IS THIS FAKE,
OR IS THE ONE IN THE MUSEUM THE FAKE ONE?
46,000
8000
9000
DEAL. 55,000 US
IN AN UNDER-GROUND AUCTION SOMETIMES THERE WILL BE STOLEN GOODS OR THINGS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN VERIFIED.
UNABLE TO TELL FAKE FROM RE..., RISKING IT TO OBTAIN THE GOODS. THIS TYPE OF GAME IS VERY STI-MULATING.

NUMBER 18, FINALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM -
THE LEGEND IS THAT THREE PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY DIED FROM ITS CURSE -
RASPUTIN'S CROSS!
ざわ
ざわ
ざわ
WHAT IF THE CURSE IS REAL?
IF IT'S REAL THEN THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE
THERE'S ALWAYS A RISK
YOU WANT IT?
UH HUH, OF COURSE
I THINK THAT'S REAL

EASTERN HOLY MAN RASPUTIN EVEN THOUGH HIS MYSTERY IS ALREADY BURIED DEEP INSIDE HISTORY.
THE MIRACLES HE CREATED ARE STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE
AND THE CHILLING EVILNESS
ALL OF THIS IS IN THE CROSS...
BECAUSE RASPUTIN LIVED IN DARKNESS THIS CAN BE PRESERVED
AND THE TRUTH WILL ALWAYS BE KEPT IN THE DARK.
THAT'S CORRECT. ONLY IN THE DARKNESS CAN THE REAL THING BE UNCOVERED.
THAT'S WHY I SAID I LIKE UNDERGROUND AUCTIONS.

100 THOUSAND
160 THOU-SAND
200 THOU SAND
250 THOUSAND
WHEN RASPUTIN'S CROSS APPEARED
EVERYONE'S EXPRESSION CHANGED
AS IF
EVERYONE'S BEEN HYPNOTIZED BY RASPUTIN

RASPUTIN'S REVIVED.
HE'S CONTROLLING EVERYONE
HUMANITY'S NATURE IS ALL REVEALED.
AND IN THEM -

SENA'S LEADING THE WHOLE THING
AS IF HE'S CHANGED INTO THE BEASTLY RASPUTIN
ゴゴゴゴ
THOUSAND DOLLARS SOLD!
おお!
I GOT IT!
THAT'S GREAT!

HURRY, HURRY THE CELEBRATION PARTY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN
SERVE, SERVE
SENA...
SENA...
STOP PULLING ME. YOU'RE WALKING TOO FAST. I CAN'T KEEP UP
THAT'S WEIRD. WHERE'S KAMUI?

IT HURTS
Huh?

SENA.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU ANGRY
I'M NOT ANGRY
YOU ARE ANGRY!

I ASKED HOSHI TO TAKE ME HERE
I WAS ALREADY INTERESTED IN AUCTIONS
WHY DID SENA ENTER THIS KIND OF WORLD?
I REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING
BESIDES WHEN YOU SAID GOOD-BYE LAST TIME
I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN
I WAS SO WORRIED
?

MAYBE YOU JUST WANT ME TO VERIFY ITEMS SO YOU COME TO ME...
I CAME HERE.
I WANTED TO SEE YOU.
キュッ
ムギュ

AND SEEING YOU DO ALL THOSE DANGEROUS THINGS...
BUT... I REALLY LIKE YOU.

I THINK... I DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN ANY MORE.

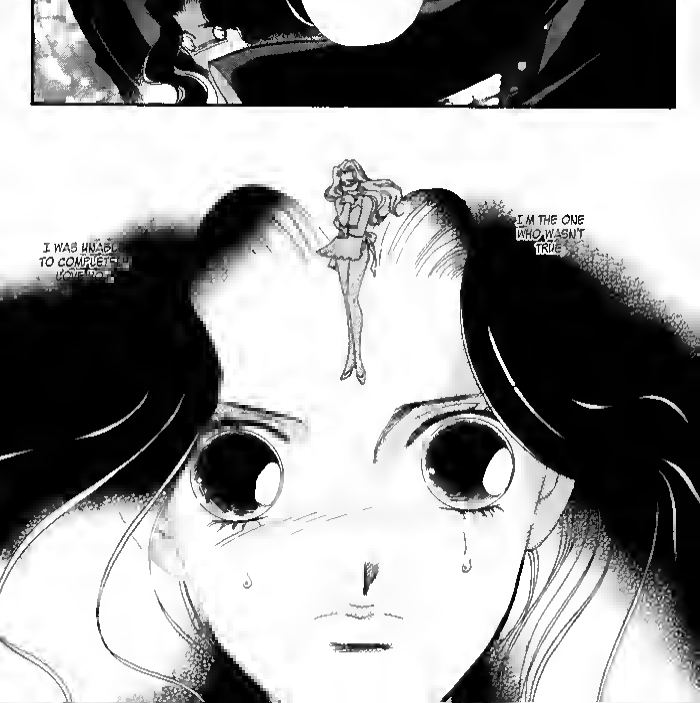
SE

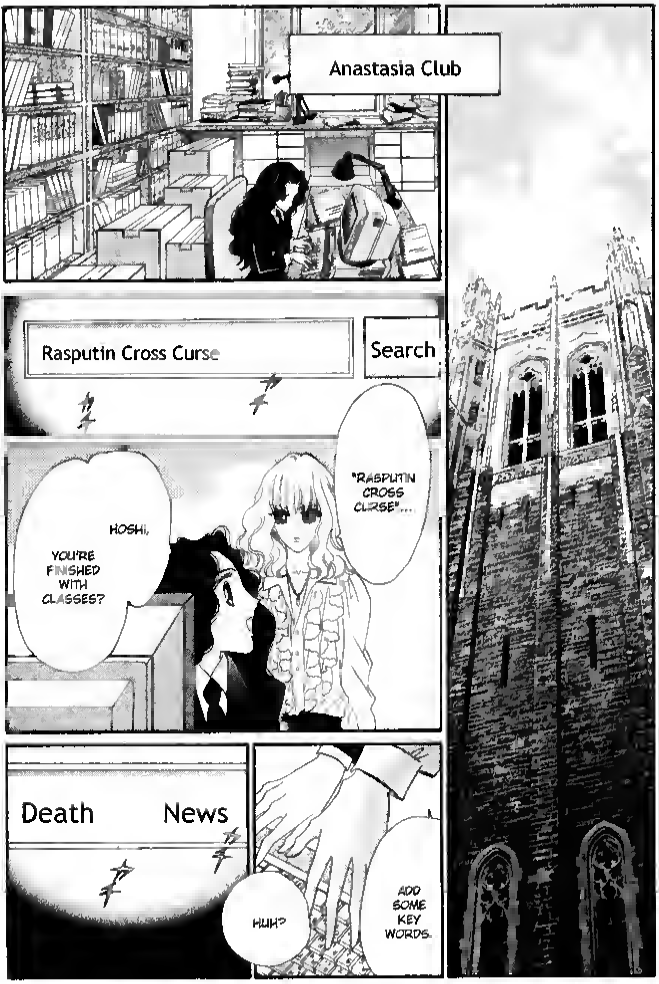
SEN...
DON'T BE AFRAID
I WON'T LET YOU FALL.
DEFINITELY NOT -
DON'T YOU TRUST ME?

I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.
KAMUI?
I'M UNABLE TO TRUST YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
HEY,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO KAMUI.
KAMUI, ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M OKAY...
SUMI, I'M ALRIGHT.
THE GOAL OF THE UNDER-GROUND ALICTION -

IS TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET KAMUI

BUT...
I THINK WE WON'T BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER.


I WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE MYSELF...
I'M THE ONE WHO WASN'T TRUE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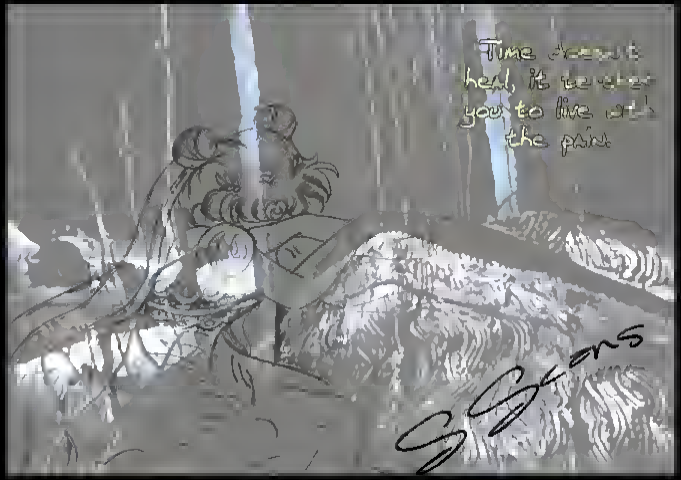
Rasputin Cross Curse
Search
"RASPUTIN CROSS CURSE"...
HOSHI, YOU'RE FINISHED WITH CLASSES?
Death
News
HUH?
ADD SOME KEY WORDS.

HAHOO!!NEWS
今日の三面ニュース
ラスプーチンの呪い?
SAKEAYA company's president (SAKENOBO) died mysteriously at the age of 61.
Ten days ago President Sake bought the item "Rasputin's Cursed Cross" at an auction.
This cursed cross is an important relic. Being a Russian Romanov Empire collector's treasure, it is a very infamous item. At least 3 people have died due to the... possession this cursed cr...
パッ
THIS PERSON...
WAS AT THE AUCTION FROM BEFORE...
"ABRUPT DEATH"?
IT'S THAT MAN
SO IT'S TRUE
LAST NIGHT AT THE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, THERE WAS ALSO ANOTHER AUCTION. EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT THIS
THEY SAID "RASPUTIN'S CURSED CROSS KILLED 4 PEOPLE"
AFTER THAT...

A CALL FROM RUSSIA?
I COULD TELL, HE WAS VERY SHOCKED
EVEN THOUGH SENA WORE HIS USUAL POKER FACE
SENA RECEIVED A CALL FROM RUSSIA
I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANY CURSE!
BEFORE THIS SHE HAD A LITTLE COLD, BUT SHE IS IN GOOD HEALTH
RUMORS ABOUT THE "CURSE" ARE SIMPLY RUMORS
I HEARD - PRINCESS MILIUKOV IS REALLY SICK—
SENA IMMEDIATELY ORDERED A PLANE TICKET TO RUSSIA

DON'T TELL
ME IT REALLY
IS "RASPUTIN'S
CURSE"?


Time doesn't heal, it teaches you to live with the pain.

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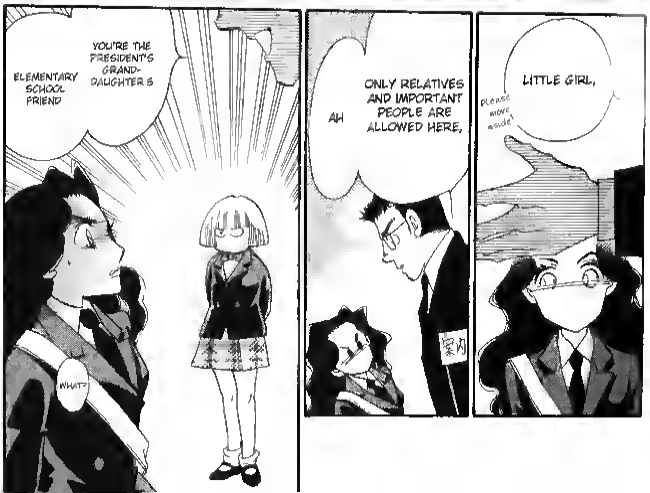
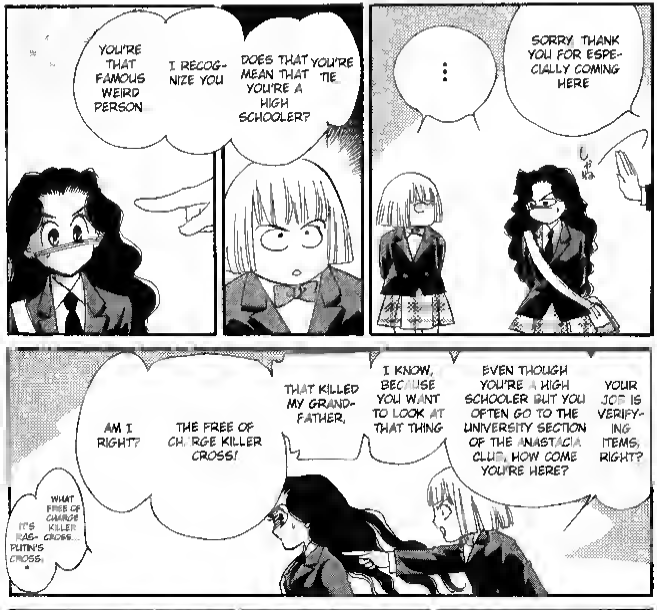
SAKENOBO
Farewell Assembly
THE PRESIDENT'S SUDDEN DEATH IS RUMORED TO BE BECAUSE OF
"RASPUTIN'S CURSED CROSS"...
REALLY?
AH, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
THAT REPORT ON THE NEWS, RIGHT?
I SAW THAT TOO
"HOLY MAN RASPUTIN'S CURSE". THIS IS TOO RIDICULOUS!
BUT. HE REALLY DID DIE SUDDENLY,
AND WITHOUT REASON, TOO...
HE WAS KILLED BY HIS OWN INTERESTS...
IT'S HIS OWN FAULT HE WAS SUCH AN ANTIQUE FANATIC
PLEASE EXCUSE ME.

IT REALLY IS SENA
HOSHI SAID HE WAS LEAVING TODAY FOR RUSSIA
BUT BEFORE LEAVING HE WOULD COME HERE TO SEND HIS CONDOLENCES
SENA?
RASPUTIN'S LEGACY IS TRANSFERRED THROUGH HIS HANDS AND THE PERSON WHO BOUGHT IT DIED LESS THAN A WEEK
EVEN THOUGH HE SAYS HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN CURSES
BUT HE CAN'T SIT AND DO NOTHING

IN THE 80 YEARS THAT PASSED, [RASPUTIN'S CURSED CROSS] HAS ALREADY STOLEN THE LIVES OF 4 PEOPLE
THE CROSS HAS BEEN THROUGH THE HANDS OF 5 PEOPLE, INCLUDING SENA'S PROTECTOR, PRINCESS MILI-UKOV WHO WAS THE PAST OWNER OF THE CROSS


LITTLE GIRL,
please move aside!
AH
ONLY RELATIVES AND IMPORTANT PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED HERE,
YOU'RE THE PRESIDENT'S GRAND-DAUGHTER'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRIEND
WHAT?


YOU'RE THAT FAMOUS WEIRD PERSON
I RECOGNIZE YOU
DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOLER?
YOU'RE TIE
...
SORRY. THANK YOU FOR ESPECIALLY COMING HERE
AM I RIGHT?
THE FREE OF CH. RGE KILLER CROSS!
THAT KILLED MY GRANDFATHER.
I KNOW, BECAUSE YOU WANT TO LOOK AT THAT THING
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOLER BUT YOU OFTEN GO TO THE UNIVERSITY SECTION OF THE ANASTACIA CLUB, HOW COME YOU'RE HERE?
YOUR JOB IS VERIFYING ITEMS, RIGHT?
WHAT. FREE OF CHARGE KILLER CROSS...
IT'S RAS-PUTIN'S CROSS.
GET OUT!
HERE
THE CROSS.
WHERE IS IT?

*IN CHINESE, THE "FREE OF CHARGE KILLER CROSS" SORT OF SOUNDS LIKE "RASPUTIN'S CROSS

ばん
HOW DARE YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO COME HERE!
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT KILLED MY FATHER!
SE...
IT'S YOU! HOW DARE YOU ASK FOR SUCH A PRICE,
TAKING OUT A CROSS THAT HAD ALREADY KILLED SO MANY PEOPLE...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FEELINGS?
RASPUTIN'S CURSE...
IS FALSE!

RASPUTIN'S CURSE...
IS FALSE!
SAY THAT AGAIN!
TAKE THIS CURSED CROSS BACK AND RETURN ALL OUR MONEY
THIS WRETCHED THING WILL BE UP TO YOU TO GET RID OF
カン!

パシーン
KAMUI...
PLEASE LET ME INVESTIGATE THIS.
NOW PLEASE OFF OUR PROP-ERTY!

WHY?
BECAUSE IT'S CURSED?
DO YOU THINK I WILL DIE?
RETURN IT
I'M NOT RE-TURN-ING
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たったったっ
THAT'S NOT IT
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A CURSE
YOU SAID THAT A WHILE AGO
OR WERE YOU LYING?

HURRY UP AND RETURN IT!
NO!
SENA...
I...
WANT TO BELIEVE YOUR EVERY WORD
REALLY

LET ME
PROVE THAT YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH

SENA!
I WILL DEFINITELY PROVE IT TO YOU!
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A CURSE
HM?
LET'S GO...

OOOOOOHHHH HHHHH IT'S CREEPY !
AUTHENTIC RASPUTIN'S CURSED CROSS?
DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU PROMISED TO HELP THAT IDIOT VERIFY? KAMUI!
ISN'T THE PRINCESS ALSO IN CRITICAL CONDITION RIGHT NOW?
I'M CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING IT
WHETHER IT'S BEEN CURSED OR NOT
IS... THERE REALLY NO CURSE?
KAMUII, WE'RE NOT TRYING TO SCARE YOU ON PURPOSE
SENA SENT AN EMAIL
THERE'S A PICTURE WITH IT!
DON'T WORRY GUYS
LOOK

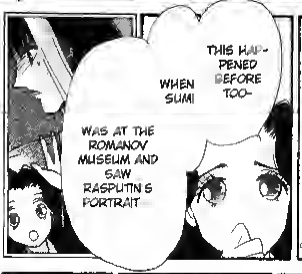
THE PRINCESS SEEMS REALLY WELL
WHAT?
VLADMIR AND I SAW THIS SCENE AND WERE GREATLY RELIEVED
THE PRINCESS'S SENSE OF AWARENESS WAS ALSO PRETTY CLEAR
I SAW THAT THE PRINCESS WAS DEFINITELY NOT IN CRITICAL CONDITION
WHEN I HURRIED BACK TO ST. PETER'S,
はははは
RIGHT
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A CURSE
THE TIP OF THE SKIN IN COMPARISON TO THE NATURAL WORLD.*
WE ONLY KNOW
HE WAS INFECTED BY A NEW KIND OF VIRUS
OR MAYBE
THAT PRESIDENT'S SUDDEN DEATH IS BECAUSE OF OTHER FACTORS LIKE SAY A STROKE

*MEANING WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE WORLD

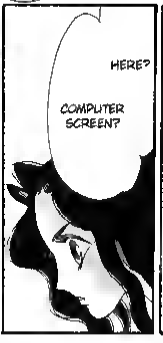
THE FIRST TIME I SAW THIS CROSS
I HAD A WEIRD FEELING
NOT BECAUSE IT'S RASPUTIN'S CROSS
BUT BECAUSE
OF THE STONE IN THE MIDDLE
THE STONES THAT SUR ROUND IT ARE ORDI- NARY JEWELS BUT THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IT'S JUST A COMMON STONE
THERE MUST BE A SPECIFIC REASON FOR IT
WHAT TYPE OF STONE IS IT?
PROFES- SOR DAINICHI, CAN YOU RE SEARCH IT FOR ME?
HMM... LEAVE IT TO ME
LOOK SENA SENDS KAMUI E-MAILS EVERY DAY!
WHAT?

I only spoke a few words to a nurse and was called a pervert and other things.
YEAH!
THAT'S THE TRUTH
Kamui
Rasputin's curse have already killed 4 people in Japan. This story has already be spread all over Russia and the Romanov family's survivors have become respected
THIS IS A DIARY
HEY!
LET ME TAKE A PEEK.
.....
HMPH.
HE ALSO SENT A LOT OF PICTURES
METEORITE
A ROCK THAT FELL FROM THE SKY?
METEORITE?
THERE'S A COLLECTION IN THE ORGANIC CHEMISTRY ROOM THAT LOOKS A LOT LIKE THIS STONE
THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE.
AN ORDINARY STONE. IT'S PROBABLY A METEORITE.
METEORITE
I'M ON GOOD TERMS WITH PROFESSOR YIN
I CAN ASK HIM TO HELP ME

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN RASPUTIN AND THE METEORITE...
SUMI?


WHEN SUMI WAS AT THE ROMANOV MUSEUM AND SAW RASPUTIN'S PORTRAIT...
THIS HAPPENED BEFORE TOO-

HEY? NO REACTION?
SUMI...


HERE?
COMPUTER SCREEN?

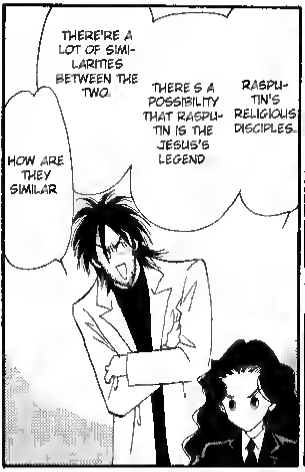
WHAT?
HERE HERE

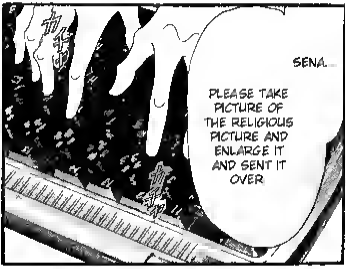
IT SEEMS LIKE HE FEELS SOMETHING

THAT CAN'T BE...
STARING
HOW CAN IT BE HE'S STILL ALIVE?
RASPUTIN...
IS IN THE PRINCESS'S ROOM.
HERE!
WHERE? INSIDE THE PICTURE?
BESIDES THE PRINCESS, THERE'S NOBODY ELSE.
THE PICTURE OF GOD
MAKE IT BIGGER,
RIGHT HERE-

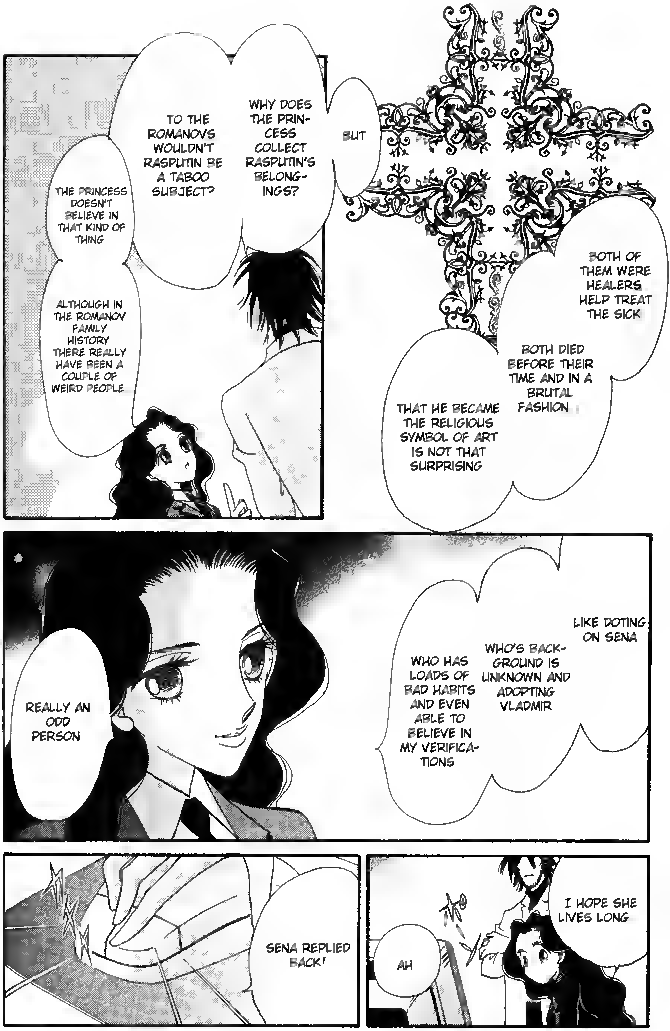
THIS IS RASPUTIN?
THE GRAPHICS ARE TOO RAD. LOOKS THE SAME AS JESUS
RUSSIAN'S RELIGIOUS ART
OFTEN HAVE STORIES JESUS, ST. MARIA, OR GOD

RASPUTIN WAS ALSO RUSSIA'S HEAD PRIEST.


THERE'RE A LOT OF SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO.
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT RASPUTIN IS THE JESUS'S LEGEND
RASPUTIN'S RELIGIOUS DISCIPLES.
HOW ARE THEY SIMILAR


SENA...
PLEASE TAKE PICTURE OF THE RELIGIOUS PICTURE AND ENLARGE IT AND SENT IT OVER.

HEY, WAKE UP!


WHY DOES THE PRINCESS COLLECT RASPUTIN'S BELONGINGS?
TO THE ROMANOVS WOULDN'T RASPUTIN BE A TABOO SUBJECT?
THE PRINCESS DOESN'T BELIEVE IN THAT KIND OF THING
ALTHOUGH IN THE ROMANOV FAMILY HISTORY THERE REALLY HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF WEIRD PEOPLE
BUT
BOTH OF THEM WERE HEALERS HELP TREAT THE SICK
BOTH DIED BEFORE THEIR TIME AND IN A BRUTAL FASHION
THAT HE BECAME THE RELIGIOUS SYMBOL OF ART IS NOT THAT SURPRISING
REALLY AN ODD PERSON
WHO HAS LOADS OF BAD HABITS AND EVEN ABLE TO BELIEVE IN MY VERIFICATIONS
WHO'S BACKGROUND IS UNKNOWN AND ADOPTING VLADMIR
LIKE DOTING ON SENA
SENA REPLIED BACK!
AH
I HOPE SHE LIVES LONG

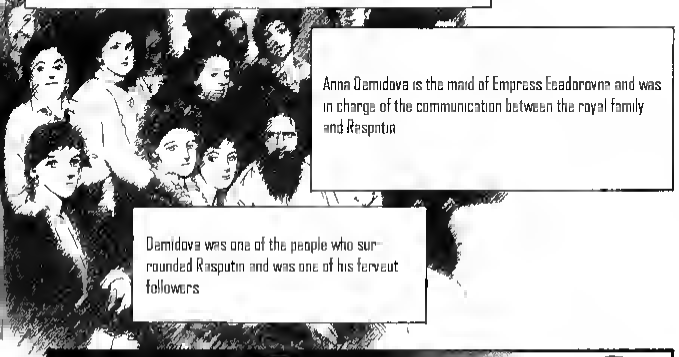
IS RASPUTIN'S PORTRAIT...
IT REALLY...
AND THIS IS ALSO...
THE THING HE WEARS ON HIS CHEST IS...
THE CURSED CROSS
HOW CAN THIS BE? THIS IS SUCH A WEIRD PICTURE YET HOW CAN IT GIVE A SENSE OF PEACE? THAT SWINDLER!
THE HAND MOTION IS JUST LIKE THE PICTURE IN THE ROMANOV EXHIBIT!

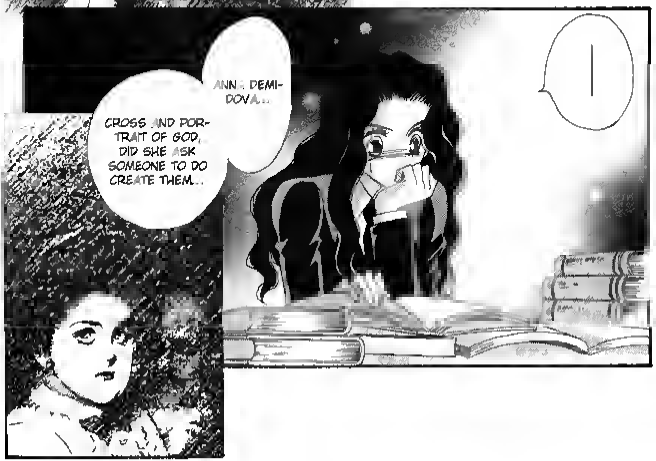
IN THE RELIGIOUS PICTURE,
THE INLAYED STONE IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE CROSS!
HURRY AND RESEARCH THE STONE ON THE CROSS!
I THINK I HAVE SOME HEADWAY!
YES. I'LL GO IMMEDIATELY.
PROFESSOR!
WHAT'S WRONG? KAMUI?
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING.
SHE'S REPLYING TO SENA.

Sena
Ask the princess who gave her the cross and the portrait.
please hurry!
受信
IT'S SENA!
WHAT?

Kamui

The princess said Anna Demidova gave the portrait as a gift to Rasputin

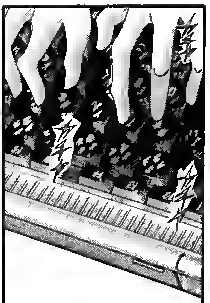

Anna Demidova is the maid of Empress Feadorovna and was in charge of the communication between the royal family and Rasputin
Demidova was one of the people who surrounded Rasputin and was one of his fervent followers



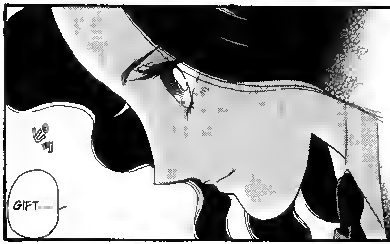
So she specially used the meteorite that fell on the year of Rasputin s birth to create the portrait and the cross to give as a gift to Rasputin

The year when Rasputin was born had several sayings but there was a rumor that in 1871 that year there was a meteorite that fell in Sibera

Anna as Rasputin s fol lower fervently believed he was Jesus s reincarnation

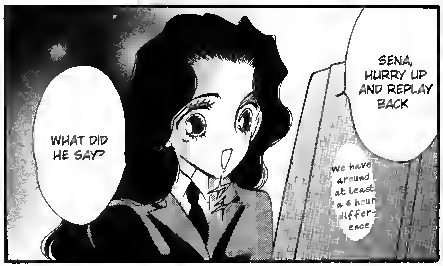


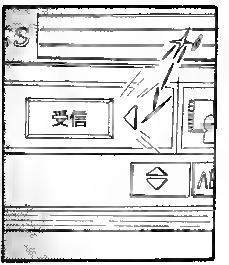
Sena.
If the stone really is a meteorite like the professor said then I can deduce everything that s happened

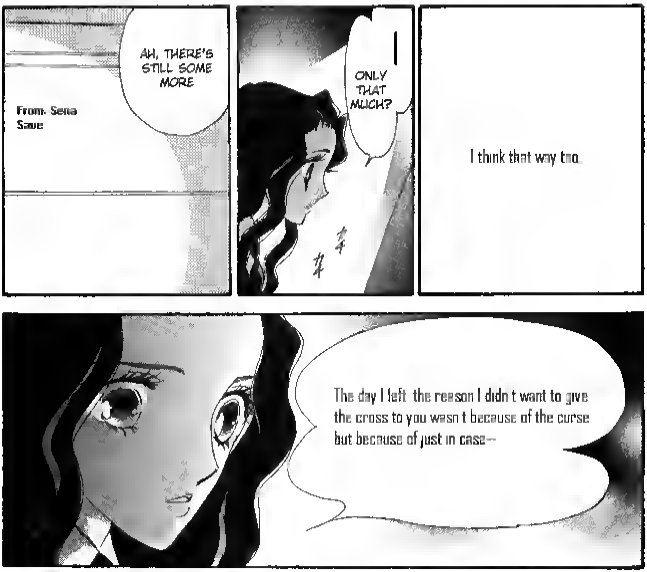



I think this might be a gift full of love and respect

and the cross doesn t have a curse




AH, THERE'S STILL SOME MORE
From: Seiga Saue
ONLY THAT MUCH?
I think that way too.
The day I left the reason I didn't want to give the cross to you wasn't because of the curse but because of just in case—

On Earth
The only person who will believe in me
is probably only Kamui.

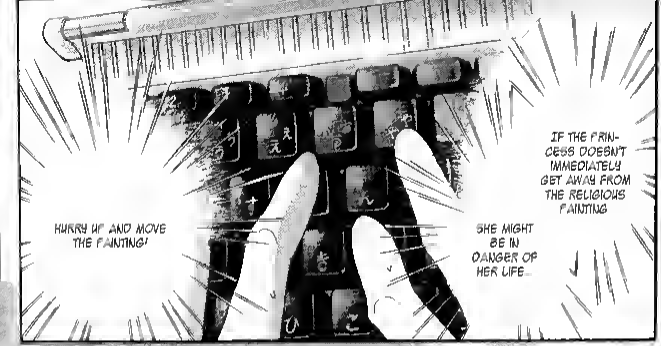
I'm really scared.
Scared if something happened to you
What would I do?

OH NO, KAMUI!
PROFESSOR
THAT STONE REALLY IS A METEORITE!
IT'S THE METEORITE THAT FELL IN SIBERIA ON THE DAY OF RASPUTIN'S BIRTH
SO IT REALLY IS...
AND IT ALSO CONTAINS A VERY DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE
WHAT?
URANIUM
IT NUCLEAR DISCHARGES NUCLEAR RADIATION THAT GOES UP TO 235
NO WONDER THE PEOPLE WHO KEPT THEM WOULD DIE ONE AFTER THE OTHER
IT'S NOT SOME KIND OF CURSE BUT RATHER ALIENS THAT KILLED THEM*



*IT IS TRANSLATED AS ALIENS BUT I THINK HE MEANS EXTRATERRESTRIAL OBJECTS

IF YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH IT FOR A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME
IT SHOULDN'T HAVE MUCH OF AN EFFECT BECAUSE URANIUM HAS TO EXPLODE OR RECEIVE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF PRESSURE BEFORE IT WILL BECOME DANGEROUS
BUT OF THE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THEM FOR A LONG TIME
THEN THEY MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THE RADIATIONS WITHOUT REALIZING IT
BUT
THAT PRESIDENT KEPT THE CROSS FOR ONLY A WEEK
THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH MAY NOT BE RELATED TO THE CROSS
BUT THE PRINCESS-
SHE KEPT THE CROSS FOR A LONG TIME RIGHT?
SHE MIGHT BE IN DANGER!
SENA...


HURRY UP AND MOVE THE PAINTING!
SHE MIGHT BE IN DANGER OF HER LIFE...
IF THE PRINCESS DOESN'T IMMEDIATELY GET AWAY FROM THE RELIGIOUS PAINTING

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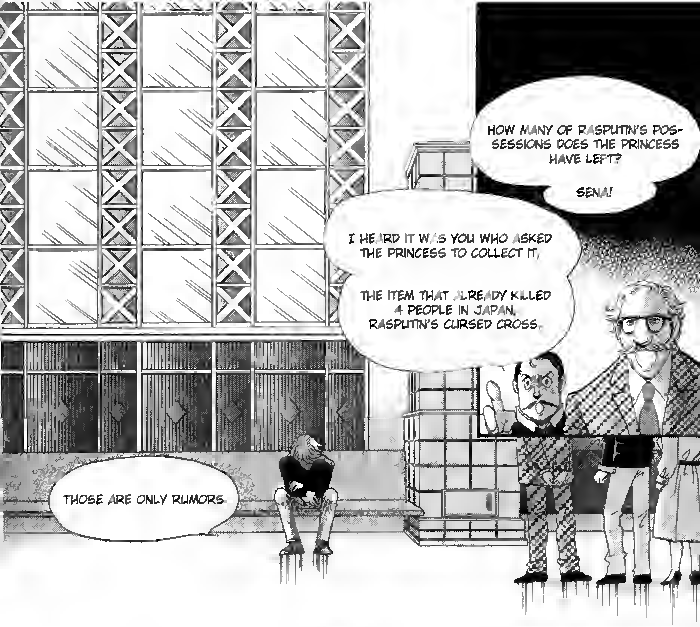

HOW MANY OF RASPUTIN'S POSSESSIONS DOES THE PRINCESS HAVE LEFT?
SENJI!
I HEARD IT WAS YOU WHO ASKED THE PRINCESS TO COLLECT IT.
THE ITEM THAT ALREADY KILLED 4 PEOPLE IN JAPAN. RASPUTIN'S CURSED CROSS.
THOSE ARE ONLY RUMORS.

THERE PRINCESS'S DEATH WILL BE YOUR FAULT!
YOU'RE A PARASITE OF THE ROMANOV'S FAMILY!
YOU'RE THE RASPUTIN THAT APPEARED 100 YEARS LATER!

AFTER THAT HE DIDN'T REPLY BACK IT MAKES ME WORRIED
MAYBE NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS
DON'T YOU THINK?
BUT HE WOULD USUALLY WRITE EVERY DAY. SUDDENLY LOSING CONTACT IS KINDA ODD.
HOSHI
DON'T WORRY ABOUT TAKUTO
MAYBE HE WENT SOMEWHERE AND THE CONNECTION IS BAD SO HE CAN'T MAIL YOU
THAT'S RIGHT
DON'T YOU LOVE HIM?
YOU SAY NOT TO WORRY
DIDN'T YOU GUYS DATE BEFORE?
I DID LOVE HIM BEFORE...
BUT...
AND YOU ARE YOU SATISFIED AS IT IS?
DO YOU THINK I COULD DATE HIM SERIOUSLY?
MEN WHO WON'T TELL THE TRUTH ARE NOT CUTE AT ALL.

HIS SENSE OF SELF-RELIANCE IS REALLY STRONG. YOU THINK HE'S JUST JOKING,
IT'S NOT THAT SENA DOESN'T LIKE TELLING THE TRUTH
I THINK
REALLY?
HE AND I, WE CAN'T REALLY SAY THAT WE'RE DATING.
ちがう
AT LEAST I THINK THIS WAY
BUT IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY, YOU'D REALIZE EVERYTHING HE SAYS IS THE TRUTH.
KAMUI...
IT'S THE WEIRD BALLET PRINCE.
I SAY KAMUI-
YOU REALLY ARE LIKE A LOYAL DOG
IDIOT!

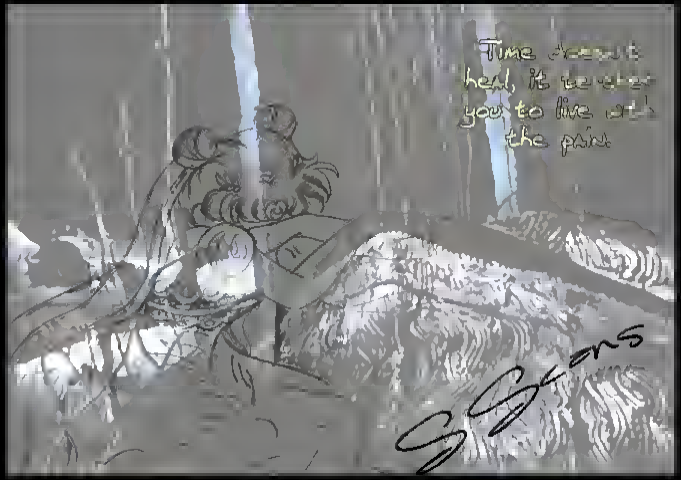
KAMUI..!
VLADMIR..!
WHY ARE YOU
I'M ONLY STOPPING HERE FOR FIVE DAYS.
TOMIN SAI'S COMING HERE FOR A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE THERE'S GOING TO BE TWO EXHIBITIONS
REAL LY
THEN.
HOW'S THE...PRINCESS AND SENA AND THEM?
VLADMIR?

TAKUTO
IS MISSING
WHAT?
VLADMIR?
PRINCESS SHE DIED TWO WEEKS AGO,
OF CANCER
OF THE RASPUTIN COLLECTION THAT THE PRINCESS HAD
I HEARD THAT IT'S BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE ROMANOV FAMILY
BUT THE TAKUTO TOOK THE COLLEC-TION AND DISAP-PEARED
HOW CAN THAT BE...

EVERYONE PANICKED...
THEY ALL SAID SENA WAS A DEMON.
THE PRINCESS, SHE...
SUDDENLY BECAME SICKER
DON'T KNOW
SENA, DID HE NOT SAY ANYTHING AT ALL?
I TOLD HIM THAT THE THING IS DANGEROUS
WAS THE PORTRAIT BY THE BEDSIDE REMOVED?
SIX.
THERE MIGHT BE NUCLEAR RADIATION FROM THE OTHERS TOO
HOW MANY ARE THERE ALL TOGETHER OF RASPUTIN'S COLLECTABLES?
KAMUI.
AFTER THE PRINCESS'S DEATH, HIS ONLY FRIEND IN RUSSIA IS YOU!
PLEASE, HELP ME FIND SENA!
SIX OF THEM
I HAVE TO TELL SENA THAT RELIGIOUS PORTRAIT IS VERY DANGEROUS

I ALSO REALLY WANT TO GO TO RUSSIA TO FIND HIM...
BUT I'M A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, HAVE NO MONEY, AND I KNOW NOTHING OF RUSSIA.
I BEG YOU, VLADMIR!
KAMUI, COME WITH ME TO RUSSIA!
HUH?
I'LL TAKE KAMUI THERE
KAMUI IS GOING TO COME WITH VLADMIR TO RUSSIA
WHAT?

KAMUI IS GOING TO RUSSIA TO FIND SENA!
WAIT...
WAIT A MOMENT, I DON'T HAVE A PASS-PORT...
THAT'S OKAY!!
I'M A BIG STAR!
MY FACE
WILL BE YOUR PASSPORT!


Time doesn't heal, it teaches you to live with the pain.

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WHOA
WHAT IS THIS...?
THIS—
WAS TAKUTO'S APARTMENT.

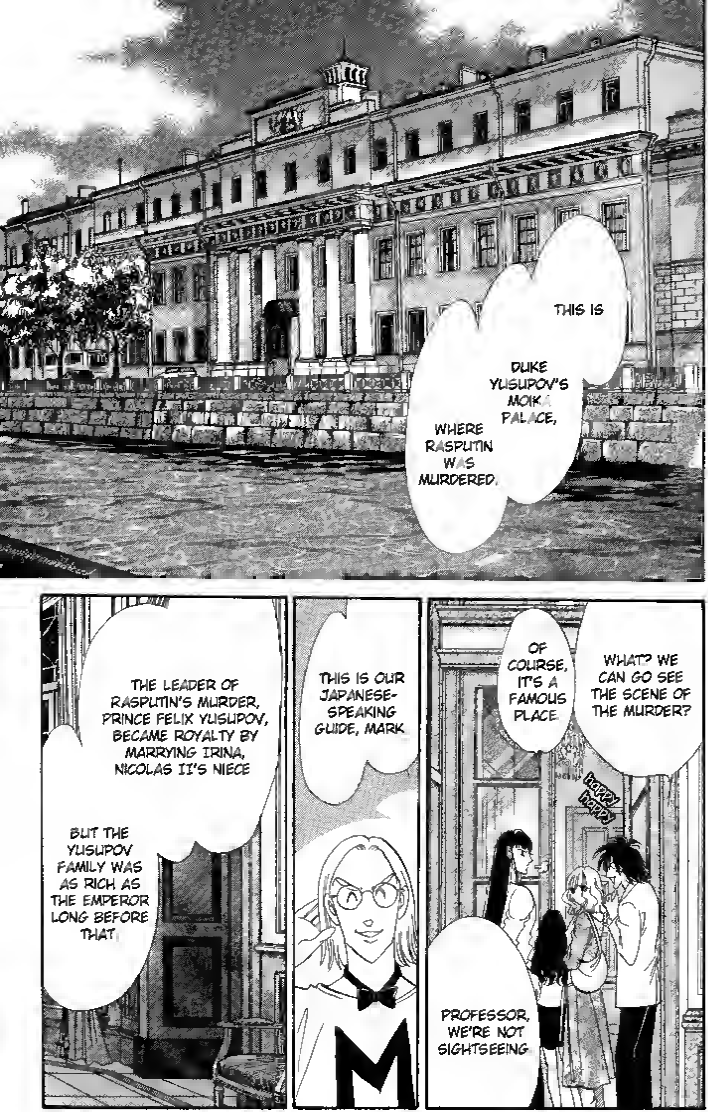
THAT IDIOT'S CARELESS AFTER ALL.
...BUT, THIS ISN'T JUST CARELESSNESS...
IT'S BEEN SEARCHED.
HIS COMPUTER'S BROKEN.
SO THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T RESPOND TO OUR EMAILS...
THIS IS BAD.
CLICK CLICK

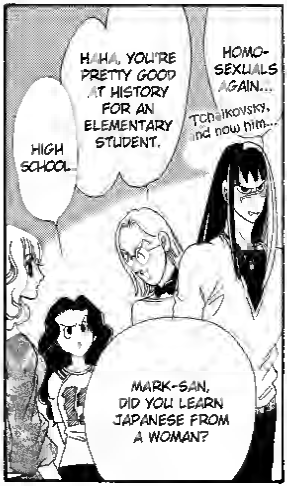
THERE'S A RUMOR IN ROMANOV THAT TAKUTO TRIED TO SELL THE "RASPUTIN COLLECTION."
twitch
HE MIGHT'VE BEEN KILLED BY THE MAFIA.
NO WAY!
MAFIA?
VLADIMIR'S IMPORTANT PERSON, MIHAJLOVIC, WAS PART OF THE MAFIA
SENA AND THE MAFIA... IT'S POSSIBLE.
WHAT "SIX PIECES OF RASPUTIN'S COLLECTION" DID SENA HAVE, ANYWAY!?
THERE'S NO WAY SENA WOULD DIE!

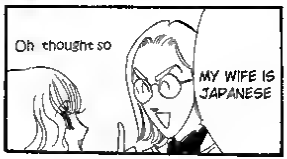
I DON'T KNOW
VLADIMIR RASPUTIN DIDN'T LIKE...
SILENCE
DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER CLUES?
WE SHOULD GO BACK, IN CASE THE MAFIA COME BACK HERE
THIS IS A NORMAL CITIZENS' COMMON SENSE
IT'S VLADIMIR'S REHEARSAL TIME
CALL ME IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE
WE'RE IN TROUBLE RIGHT NOW!
"THE WEIRD BALLET PRINCE"
HE'S COMPLETELY USELESS
IS HE REALLY TAKUTO'S FRIEND?
WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT HE LET THE FOUR OF US RIDE ON THE PLANE FOR FREE
WE HAVE TO DO THE REST BY OURSELVES--
SEIRA-SAN, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?
YOU'RE RUSSIAN, RIGHT?
HMM

POPLAR AND DANDELION SEEDS DANCE THROUGH THE AIR THE WHOLE DAY...
YEP— RUSSIA'S BEST SEASON.
SO EVEN IF WE SEARCH THROUGH THE NIGHT, WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF LIGHT.
IT'S THE MIDNIGHT SUN SEASON RIGHT NOW.
THE COUNTRY WHERE SENA WAS BORN
AND WHERE HE LIVED
HE USED TO SEE THESE BUILDINGS EVERY DAY

RIGHT NOW, IT'S THE THIRD LARGEST MUSEUM IN THE WORLD, THE "HERMITAGE."
THIS IS THE ROYAL PALACE, WHICH HAS BEEN USED BY MANY GENERATIONS OF THE ROMANOV FAMILY, SENA'S ANCESTORS.
AND WHEN HE WAS HATED BY THE ROMANOV FAMILY.
WHEN THE IMPERIAL PRINCESS DIED,
I WONDER HOW HE FELT WHEN HE SAW THIS.
VLADIMIR'S PERFORMING HERE NEXT WEEK
THIS IS A RUSSIAN BALLET PALACE, MARIINSKY THEATRE
SENA WAS AIMING FOR THIS ONCE.
WE'RE NOT SIGHTSEEING, Y'KNOW.
WE HAVE TO CHECK THE PLACES HE'S CONNECTED TO.
THIS IS WHERE YOU THINK HE IS?

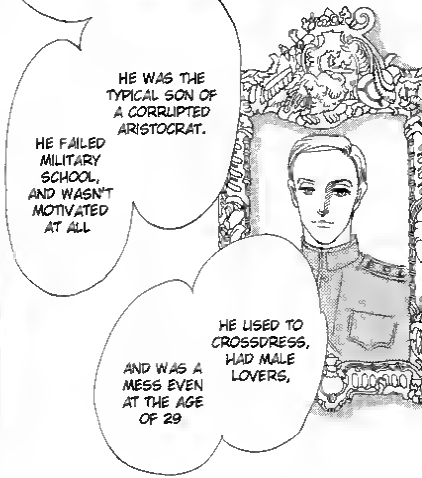

THIS IS
DUKE YUSUPOV'S MOIKA PALACE,
WHERE RASPUTIN WAS MURDERED.
THE LEADER OF RASPUTIN'S MURDER, PRINCE FELIX YUSUPOV, BECAME ROYALTY BY MARRYING IRINA, NICOLAS II'S NIECE
BUT THE YUSUPOV FAMILY WAS AS RICH AS THE EMPEROR LONG BEFORE THAT.
THIS IS OUR JAPANESE-SPEAKING GUIDE, MARK.
OF COURSE, IT'S A FAMOUS PLACE.
WHAT? WE CAN GO SEE THE SCENE OF THE MURDER?
HAPPY! HAPPY!
PROFESSOR, WE'RE NOT SIGHTSEEING.

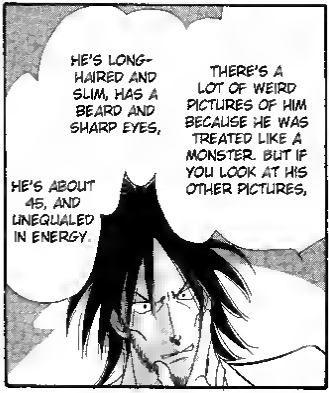

HAHA, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT HISTORY FOR AN ELEMENTARY STUDENT.
HOMO-SEXUALS AGAIN...
Tchaikovsky, and now him...
HIGH SCHOOL.
MARK-SAN, DID YOU LEARN JAPANESE FROM A WOMAN?


Oh thought so
MY WIFE IS JAPANESE

IN THE BOOK I READ, FELIX PRESSED RASPUTIN, BUT RASPUTIN BLUNTLY REFUSED, SO FELIX HATED HIM.
!

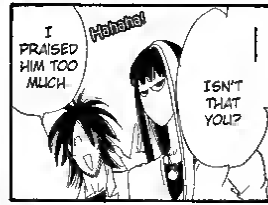
IT IS MENTIONED IN HIS MEMOIRS THAT HE DECIDED TO ASSASSINATE RASPUTIN.
BECAUSE HE WAS MANIPULATING THE EMPRESS AND WOULD LEAD RUSSIA TO RUIN
WASN'T THAT THE REASON?
I DON'T THINK HE'S THE TYPE TO DO THAT


HE WAS THE TYPICAL SON OF A CORRUPTED ARISTOCRAT.
HE FAILED MILITARY SCHOOL, AND WASN'T MOTIVATED AT ALL
HE USED TO CROSSDRESS, HAD MALE LOVERS,
AND WAS A MESS EVEN AT THE AGE OF 29

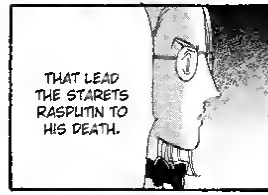

HE'S LONG-HAIRED AND SLIM, HAS A BEARD AND SHARP EYES,
THERE'S A LOT OF WEIRD PICTURES OF HIM BECAUSE HE WAS TREATED LIKE A MONSTER. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT HIS OTHER PICTURES,
HE'S ABOUT 45, AND UNEQUALED IN ENERGY.

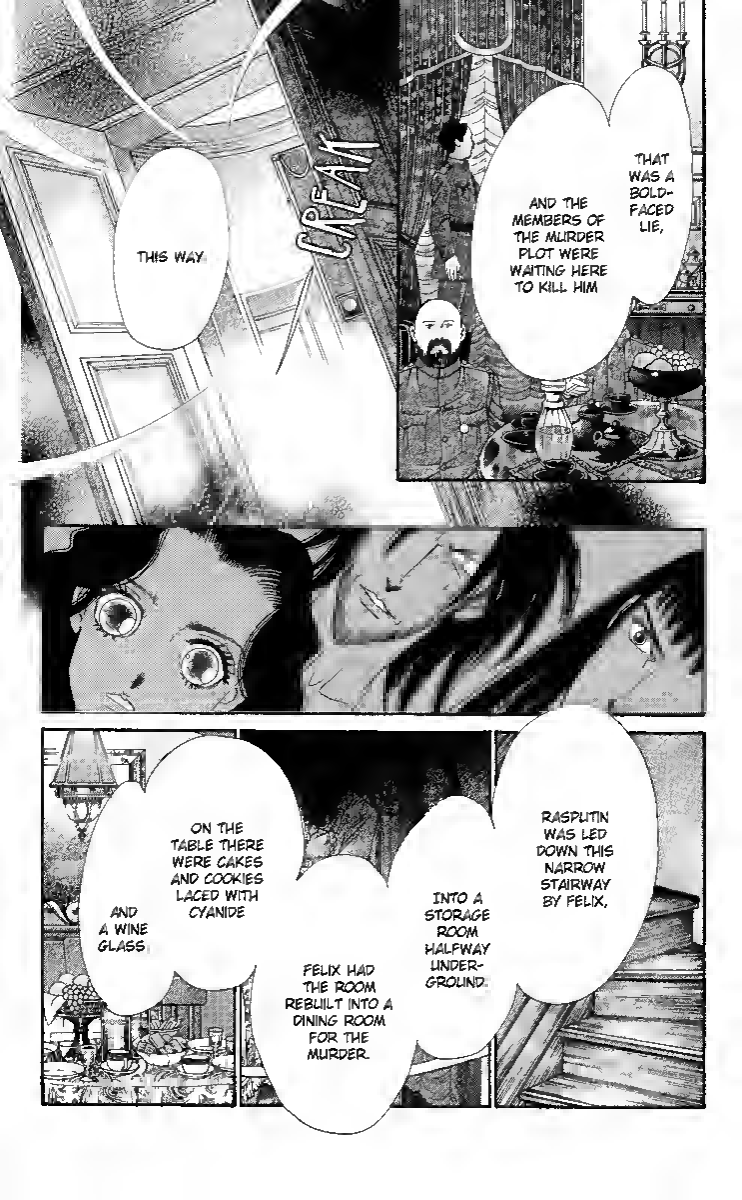
I get it!
RASPUTIN'S PRETTY HAND-SOME.
WHAT!?
HIGH SCHOOL!
HAHA, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT.

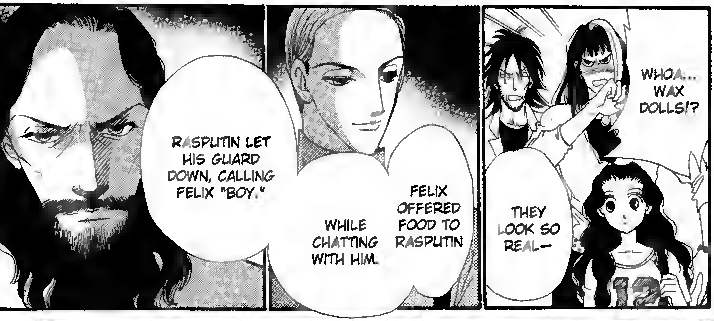
ON THE RUSSIAN CALENDAR DECEMBER 16TH 1916,
WESTERN CALENDAR DECEMBER 29TH, MIDNIGHT,
RASPUTIN WAS LURED HERE BY FELIX.
BECAUSE FELIX TOLD HIM THAT HE'D LET HIM MEET HIS BEAUTIFUL AND FAMOUS NEW WIFE, IRINA.


I PRAISED HIM TOO MUCH.
Hohoho!
ISN'T THAT YOU?

RASPUTIN'S TOO NORMAL HE WAS A HOMOPHOBIC WOMANIZER.


THAT LEAD THE STARETS RASPUTIN TO HIS DEATH.


THAT WAS A BOLD-FACED LIE,
AND THE MEMBERS OF THE MURDER PLOT WERE WAITING HERE TO KILL HIM
CREAK
THIS WAY.
RASPUTIN WAS LED DOWN THIS NARROW STAIRWAY BY FELIX,
INTO A STORAGE ROOM HALFWAY UNDER-GROUND.
FELIX HAD THE ROOM REBUILT INTO A DINING ROOM FOR THE MURDER.
ON THE TABLE THERE WERE CAKES AND COOKIES LACED WITH CYANIDE
AND A WINE GLASS.


WHOA... WAX DOLLS!?
THEY LOOK SO REAL—
FELIX OFFERED FOOD TO RASPUTIN
WHILE CHATTING WITH HIM.
RASPUTIN LET HIS GUARD DOWN, CALLING FELIX "BOY."

HE REACHES HIS HAND OUT TO A CYANIDE-LACED CAKE
AND EATS IT.
HE REACHES FOR ANOTHER.
AND ANOTHER
GULP...

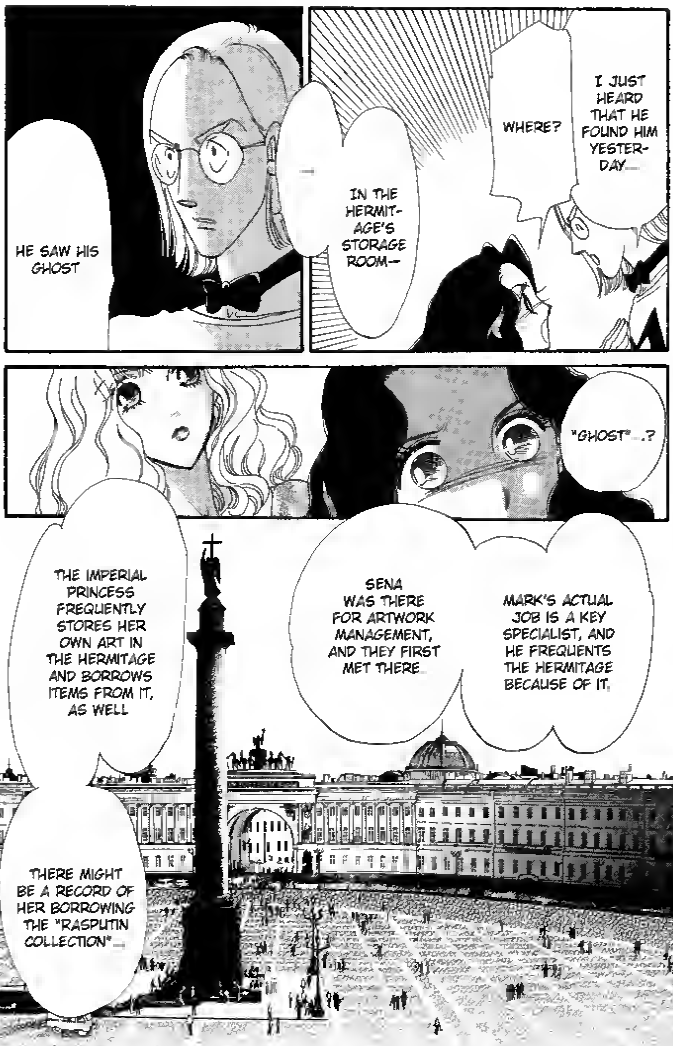
NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE DRINKS, NOTHING HAPPENS
ONE CUP, TWO CUPS, THREE CUPS
MADEIRA WINE IN THE CYANIDE-FILLED CUP
PANICKING, FELIX OFFERS
BUT NOTHING HAPPENS
IN FACT, RASPUTIN BECOMES CHEERFUL
AND THEN ASKS FELIX TO SING.
FELIX STIFFLY HOLDS HIS GUITAR AND SINGS.
RASPUTIN'S GREEN EYES HAD AN INTENSE POWER.
IT WAS SAID HE COULD PUT PEOPLE TO SLEEP JUST BY LOOKING INTO THEIR EYES.
LIKE A FROG WATCHED BY A SNAKE,
FELIX CONTINUES HIS SINGING FOR TWO HOURS.

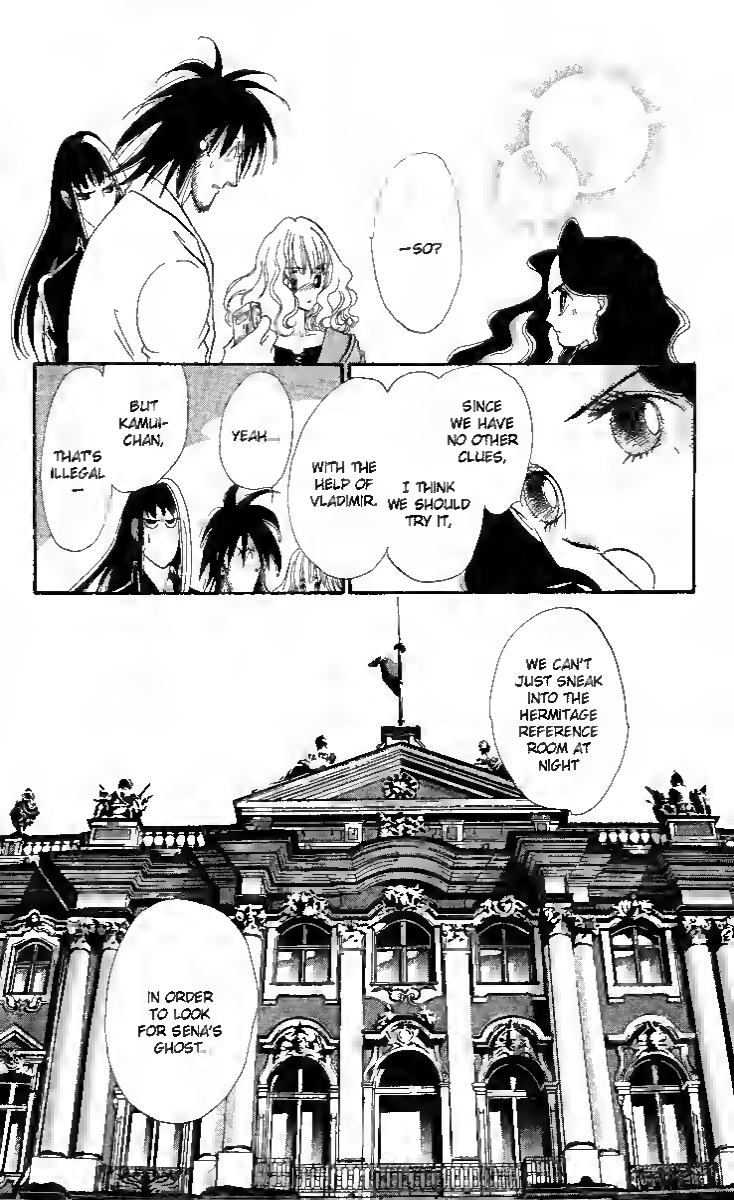
EVENTUALLY, FELIX CANNOT BEAR THE TERROR
HE MAKES UP A REASON TO EXCUSE HIMSELF AND LEAVES THE ROOM TO SEEK HELP FROM THE OTHERS.
HE BORROWS A PISTOL AND DESCENDS ONCE MORE
AND AIMING FOR RASPUTIN'S HEART--
BANG...!!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER.
grab
THE SHOT SIGNALS THE OTHERS
fssss
AND THEY COME RUSHING IN
wobble
KAMUI-CHAN?
THE BULLET PIERCED THROUGH HIS HEART...
FELIX BEGAN PLANNING TO DUMP THE CORPSE INTO THE NEVA RIVER
SORRY, SUMI-KUN.

EVERY-
THING
SUDDENLY
WENT
DARK
I'LL BE
FINE IF I
REST
WHEN I
THOUGHT
THAT SENA
MIGHT BE LIKE
THIS, I...
SUMI... KUN?
SENA
IS DEAD
THIS STARETS WILL
COMFORT YOU!

BUT FELIX IS UNEASY, AND RETURNS TO THE CORPSE
RASPUTIN OPENS HIS EYES, AND...
SLAP
SENA ISN'T DEAD!
"SENA"--
MARK'S FRIEND
SUMI-KUN, YOU'RE TOO EASILY POSSESSED BY RASPUTIN!
SENA'S JUST MISSING!!
WHAT..? OH...
I BECAME A DIRTY MIDDLE-AGED MAN FOR A MOMENT..


I JUST HEARD THAT HE FOUND HIM YESTER-DAY—
WHERE?
—IN THE HERMIT-AGE'S STORAGE ROOM—
HE SAW HIS GHOST
"GHOST"...?
MARK'S ACTUAL JOB IS A KEY SPECIALIST, AND HE FREQUENTS THE HERMITAGE BECAUSE OF IT.
SENA WAS THERE FOR ARTWORK MANAGEMENT, AND THEY FIRST MET THERE.
THE IMPERIAL PRINCESS FREQUENTLY STORES HER OWN ART IN THE HERMITAGE AND BORROWS ITEMS FROM IT, AS WELL
THERE MIGHT BE A RECORD OF HER BORROWING THE "RASPUTIN COLLECTION"—


—SO?
SINCE WE HAVE NO OTHER CLUES,
I THINK WE SHOULD TRY IT,
WITH THE HELP OF VLADIMIR.
YEAH...
BUT KAMUI-CHAN,
THAT'S ILLEGAL —
WE CAN'T JUST SNEAK INTO THE HERMITAGE REFERENCE ROOM AT NIGHT
IN ORDER TO LOOK FOR SENA'S GHOST.

IS VLADIMIR READY?
I'LL GO ASK!!
CALL THE MAKEUP CREW
YES.

Dressing Room
flop
flop
flop
VLADIMIR'S MAKEUP CREW!!
YES
cough
cough
VLADIMIR
cough
NO
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
YES
IF YOU GET CAUGHT, I'LL DENY HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS
YES?
TONIGHT AND TOMORROW,
I'LL BE POSING FOR A PHOTO SHOOT AT THE HERMITAGE.
DURING THAT TIME, KAMUI WILL SEARCH THE REFERENCE ROOM
YES?

CARD KEY?
DON'T WORRY. WE WON'T GET CAUGHT.
EVEN IF WE DO, WE WON'T TELL THEM THAT YOU...
KAMUI.
THE KEY TO THE STORAGE ROOM AND THE REFERENCE ROOM
I PAID MARK TO MAKE IT.
IF YOU ENCOUNTER THE MAFIA DURING YOUR RESEARCHING, RUN FOR IT!
BUT IF YOU DON'T, THEN DO ANYTHING TO REACH YOUR GOAL.
LASTLY, IF YOU NEED ME TO COME AND SAVE YOU,
CALL MY NAME.
VLADIMIR?

AGH...
THANK YOU, VLADIMIR!
YOU'RE SO COOL—
VLADIMIR, START!!

THE PALACE IS A BIT SCARY WHEN THERE ARE NO PEOPLE AROUND
POOP

THERE ARE STORIES OF CATERINA, NICHOLAS AND RASPUTIN APPEARING.
GHOSTS MIGHT COME OUT. MAYBE NOT EVEN TAKUTO'S GHOST.
STOP IT!!
ACCORDING TO THE MAP, THE ROOM IS AT THE END OF THIS HALLWAY.
IT'S THIS ONE.
THE ROOM THAT SENA'S GHOST WAS IN
THE REFERENCE ROOM.

OKAY NOW
LET'S FIND WHAT SENA WAS LOOKING FOR HERE
EVERYONE SPREAD OUT
EVERY-THING IS IN RUSSIAN
WE CAN'T READ IT
SEIRA-SA
YES!
EVEN IN RUSSIA, I THINK THERE MUST BE A DATABASE COMPUTER SOMEWHERE AROUND
WE CAN USE THAT TO FIND THE SPECIFIC LOCATION OF THE DOCUMENTS.
Well, yeah. Computers are computers.
REALLY?
THERE'S A PASSWORD ON IT. I CAN'T GET IN
click click
THE NUMBER OF STORAGE ITEMS ALONE IS ABOUT 3 MILLION.
WOW!
DON'T WORRY. I BROUGHT THIS SECRET WEAPON JUST IN CASE
Put this card in
click click
ALRIGHT, I'M IN!
CATEGORY "ICON"

"N"...
"N"...
SHELF #75, FILE N-238!!
"FOLDABLE ICON, EIGHT PIECES"!!
KEYWORDS "ANNA VYRUBOVA," "RASPUTIN."
GOT IT!!
"H"...
FOUND IT!!
WAIT! IN RUSSIAN, THE ENGLISH "N" IS WRITTEN AS "H"!
"FOLDABLE ICON, EIGHT PIECES."
YES...!!

THIS IS IT!!
THERE ARE SIX ICONS, INCLUDING RASPUTIN'S.
SO TAKUTO HAD THESE WHEN HE WENT MISSING.
THE "ICON OF RASPUTIN" AND
"RASPUTIN'S CURSED CROSS" WHICH IS IN JAPAN, ARE LISTED HERE AS WELL?!

I DON'T THINK SO
THAT'S NOT LIKE HIM..
THE "ICON" IS A BIT SIMILAR TO THE JAPANESE MANDALA
IF SENA-KUN IS ALIVE, MAYBE HE DIDN'T WANT TO HAND IT OVER TO THE ROMANOV FAMILY BECAUSE OF HIS MEMORIES WITH THE IMPERIAL PRINCESS
SEIRA-SAN, CAN YOU READ THE CAPTION?
DOES THIS SPACE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF RASPUTIN MEAN THAT THIS ICON IS GONE?
IN THIS WHITE SPACE!!
I'M MORE INTERESTED—
"THIS EIGHT-PIECE SET WENT MISSING."
"SOON AFTER RASPUTIN'S DEATH,"
SUMI-KUN, WATCH THE DOOR
LET'S TAKE A PICTURE OF IT
YES—!!
UM...
"IN 1913, ORDERED BY ANNA VYRUBOVA AND SENT TO RASPUTIN."

THE CROSS IS CONSIDERED SEPARATE, AND IS PASSING FROM OWNER TO OWNER AS THE "CURSED CROSS"
THE IMPERIAL PRINCESS OF THE ROMANOV FAMILY BOUGHT AND COLLECTED THEM AND ENTRUSTED THEM TO THE HERMITAGE
AFTER THE REVOLUTION, THE ICONS WERE SCATTERED ALL OVER THE WORLD
SIGNED BY THE EMPEROR AND HIS DAUGHTERS... DOES THAT MEAN THE EMPEROR'S FAMILY DREW THESE ICONS...?
I KNOW.
HUH?
IT IS NOT KNOWN WHY NICHOLAS II AND HIS FOUR DAUGHTERS SIGNED THEIR NAMES ON THE BACK OF EACH ICON.
THE "ICON OF THE VIRGIN" IS MISSING AS OF NOW.
BUT THE ICON ORIGINALLY IN THE MIDDLE LEFT.
"ICON OF THE VIRGIN"?

SENA IS ALIVE
HE CAN'T BE DEAD!
...!?
AAAH!
FLASH
HURRY UP, KAMUI
Wander
Wander

WHAP
SHUSH.
DAMN
KAMUI, SECURITY IS COMING THIS WAY!
OH..
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HURRY, LET'S GO!
...!!
...?

HSM!
HAVE THEM BE SILENT!!
I CAN'T CONCENTRATE
OKAY.
HEY, EVERYO
Aaaah!
A GHOST...
AN ENORMOUS FACE...
WH...
NO WAY..

I
WHAT IS...
RASPUTIN !?

DID YOU REQUEST THIS FOR THE PHOTO SHOOT!?
NO!
Agh!
MAYBE IT'S SOMEONE'S PRANK...
...SUMI-KUN?
TH- THAT STATUE JUST MOVED!!
DIRECTOR!
THERE'S A PICTURE OF RASPUTIN IN THE PROJECTOR...
WHO DID THIS!?

RASPUTIN'S GHOST...!!
Aaah!
SUMI-KUN?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WHERE'S MY CAPE?
I put it right here
I DON'T KNOW...
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
Aah!
IT REALLY IS A GHOST!
CALM DOWN, IT'S A PERSON!!
CATCH HIM!!

THERE AND THERE...
BUT
AT LEAST ONE OF THEM—

IT'S SUMI-KUN
WHAT?
LOOK AT RASPUTIN'S FACE.
HE'S POSSESSED AGAIN
Aah—
HE'S SO FUNNY
IT ISN'T FUNNY!
IF WE DON'T STOP HIM, HE'LL GET CAUGHT
I AM...
RASPUTIN.

Muahahahaha!
SUMI-KUN, WAIT!
WAKE UP, SUMI~
IF ONE OF THEM IS SUMI-KUN,
THEN THE OTHER ONE IS—
IS
WAIT!

IT'S ME, KAMUI!
WAIT...

RUSTLE

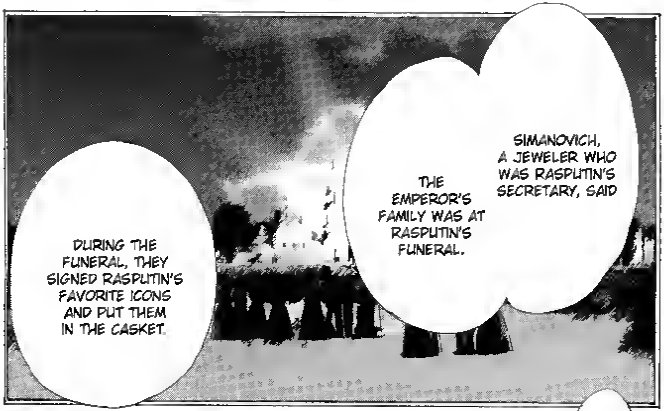
SENA .

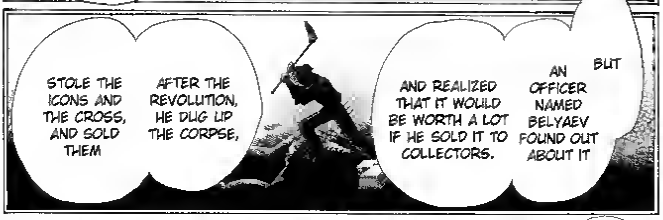
AH...
I FOUND YOU AFTER ALL...!!
SHH
PULL

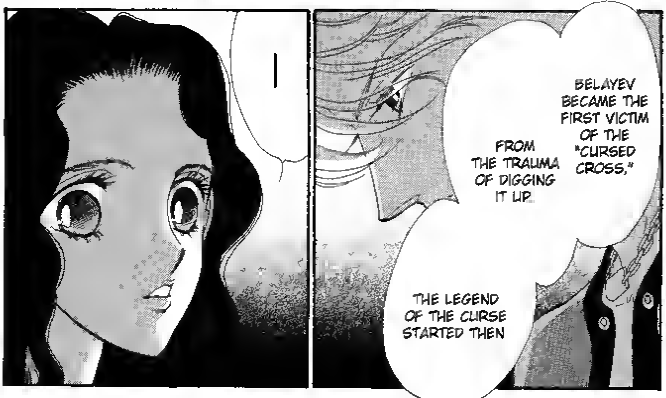
...!!
...
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
SENA'S SMELL
THERE WAS SOMETHING I NEEDED TO INVESTIGATE
YOU TOO, SENA WHY WERE YOU PRETENDING TO BE A GHOST...?
...WHY DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY TO THE HERMITAGE?

I READ THAT MAIL.
THERE'S URANIUM IN RASPUTIN'S CROSS AND ICON, AND IT'S REALLY DANGEROUS...
I REALLY NEEDED TO TELL YOU...
BECAUSE YOU WENT MISSING...!
AND THEN YOU CAME IN AND WERE IN TROUBLE, SO I SAVED YOU
THAT'S A LITTLE DISAP-POINTING.
YOU CAME TO TELL ME THAT?
YOU DID?
YOU DID IT YOURSELF, RIGHT?
THE MAFIA DIDN'T SEARCH YOUR ROOM.
BUT I KNEW YOU WERE ALIVE
WHAT?
EVERYONE SAID "SENA WAS KILLED BY THE MAFIA."

SO YOU COULD SEARCH FOR THE "ICON OF THE VIRGIN" IN PEACE,
WITHOUT THE ROMANOV FAMILY OR THE MAFIA INTERFERING
THE ICONS HAD THE SIGNATURES OF NICHOLAS II AND HIS FOUR DAUGHTERS.
THE "ICON OF THE VIRGIN" PROBABLY HAS THE SIGNATURE OF THE EMPRESS AND THE PRINCE.
IF YOU FIND THE "ICON OF THE VIRGIN" AND COMPLETE THE SET, THEN IT'LL BE WORTH A LOT—
RIGHT?
YOU INVESTIGATED WHY IT HAD SIGNATURES TOO, RIGHT?
...WHILE YOU WERE INVESTIGATING ABOUT THE CROSS IN JAPAN, I DID SOME RESEARCH ON RASPUTIN


SIMANOVICH, A JEWELER WHO WAS RASPUTIN'S SECRETARY, SAID
THE EMPEROR'S FAMILY WAS AT RASPUTIN'S FUNERAL.
DURING THE FUNERAL, THEY SIGNED RASPUTIN'S FAVORITE ICONS AND PUT THEM IN THE CASKET.


BUT AN OFFICER NAMED BELYAEV FOUND OUT ABOUT IT
AND REALIZED THAT IT WOULD BE WORTH A LOT IF HE SOLD IT TO COLLECTORS.
AFTER THE REVOLUTION, HE DUG UP THE CORPSE,
STOLE THE ICONS AND THE CROSS, AND SOLD THEM


I
BELAYEV BECAME THE FIRST VICTIM OF THE "CURSED CROSS,"
FROM THE TRAUMA OF DIGGING IT UP.
THE LEGEND OF THE CURSE STARTED THEN

I THOUGHT, THIS TIME,
YOU CONCEALED YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU WERE SAD THAT THE PRINCESS DIED
SO I WANTED TO COMFORT YOU
BUT...
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AFTER ALL.
I...
LIKE IT
I...
IS BEING AMBITIOUS A BAD THING?
STRANGELY I'M RELIEVED.

GOOD.

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HELP ME FIND THE
"ICON OF THE VIRGIN"
HIDDEN SOMEWHERE
IN RUSSIA.

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
THIS IS—
THE REAL FOLDABLE ICON?
BE CAREFUL
THERE'S URANIUM IN IT.
THERE'S A SCRATCH MARK MADE WITH A KNIFE
THAT WE COULDN'T SEE IN THE PICTURE
RIGHT HERE...

THE PROPRIETOR WAS "ANNA VYRUBOVA." RIGHT?
RUMBLE
MAYBE IT WAS DAMAGED WHEN IT WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE GRAVE.
RUMBLE
SHE GOT HOLD OF THE "ICON OF THE VIRGIN" AFTER THE REVOLUTION.
YEP.
RUMBLE
YEAH.
THE OFFICIALS IN THE ROYAL PALACE WERE MOSTLY CAPTURED AND BRUTALLY MURDERED.
WASN'T VYRUBOVA THE ONE THAT ORDERED THIS AND SENT IT TO RASPUTIN?
YEP.
SO RIGHT AFTER THE REVOLUTION, SHE WAS ARRESTED AS A POLITICAL OFFENDER AND TAKEN AWAY FROM THE IMPERIAL FAMILY— WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE A BLESSING.
BUT VYRUBOVA WAS THOUGHT OF AS A DANGEROUS PERSON WHO HAD AS MUCH INFLUENTIAL POWER AS RASPUTIN.
I THOUGHT SHE STAYED LOYAL TIL THE END AND DIED WITH THE QUEEN.
SHE WAS THE LEAD ATTENDANT FOR QUEEN ALEXANDRA, RIGHT?

THERE'S INFORMATION THAT SOME OF THE ARTIFACTS RELATED TO THE ROMANOV FAMILY HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO RUSSIA
SO SHE WAS DEEMED INNOCENT, ESCAPED TO FINLAND, AND DIED IN 1964 AT THE AGE OF EIGHTY
VYRUBOVA WAS JUST A DEEPLY RELIGIOUS, SOFT-HEARTED WOMAN
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK IT'S THERE?
YEP.
SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE HEADING TO YEKATERINBURG ON THIS TRAIN
EITHER YEKATERINBURG OR POKROVSKOYE!
THAT'S THE PROBLEM, ISN'T IT?
WHERE IN RUSSIA?
IF THERE WAS A MEMORIAL OF THEM, IT WOULD BE IN ONE OF THESE PLACES...
KAMUI DOESN'T THINK IT'S IN POKROVSKOYE
RASPUTIN'S CORPSE WAS DUG UP AND BURNED A WEEK AFTER THE REVOLUTION
POKROVSKOYE WAS THE BIRTHPLACE OF RASPUTIN, WHO WAS EVEN WORSHIPPED AS A GOD
YEKATERINBURG WAS EVERYTHING TO HER. IT'S THE PLACE THAT THE IMPERIAL FAMILY WAS KILLED

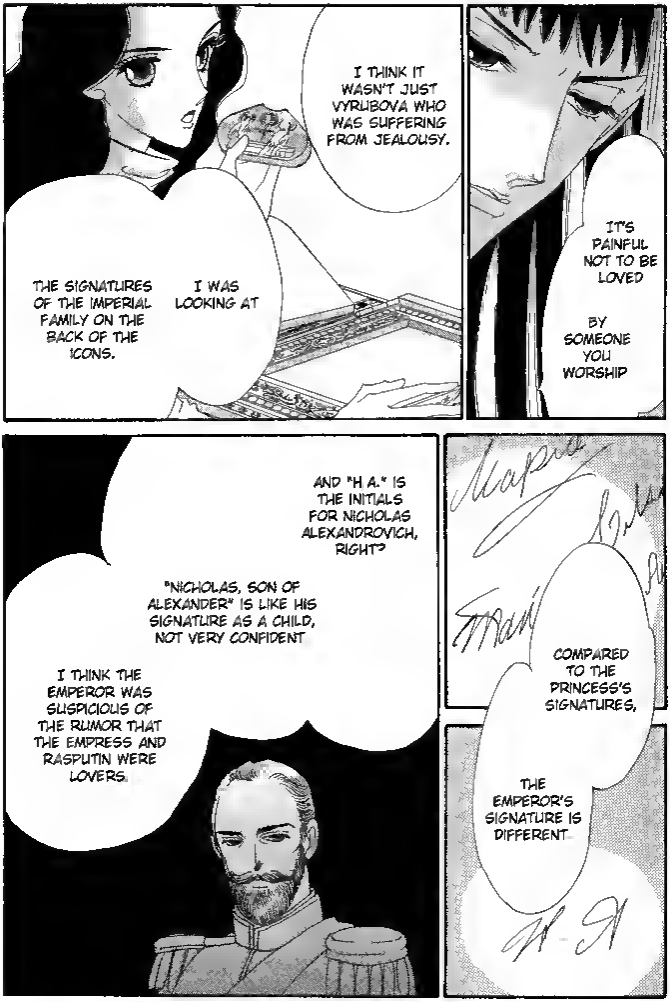
IF VYRUBOVA WAS
THE JUDAS THAT BETRAYED RASPUTIN...
AS A WOMAN WHO LOVED HIM
TO THE POINT THAT SHE HATED HIM,

VYRUBOVA SEEMED JUST LIKE A REGULAR FAN.
THEY COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THAT THERE WAS URANIUM IN IT WITH THEIR SCIENCE.
An interesting theory
MIGHT SHE HAVE SENT THE ICON TO KILL HIM?

THERE WERE EVEN RUMORS THAT SHE WAS EMPEROR NICHOLAS'S LOVER,
BUT WHEN SHE WAS ARRESTED AT AGE 33, THEY EXAMINED HER BODY AND SHE WAS A VIRGIN.
THE EMPRESS RECOMMENDED HER TO A MARRIAGE, BUT SHE DIVORCED THE MAN AFTER A YEAR
AND THEY WERE TOGETHER SO MUCH THAT THERE WERE RUMORS OF THEM BEING LESBIANS
VYRUBOVA BECAME A FAVORITE OF THE EMPRESS AT AGE TWENTY,

YEAH— I GET IT.
SO SHE'S LIKE THE PRESIDENT OF A "ROCK ARTIST FANCLUB," RIGHT?
NICE, SEIRA-SAN!
GLARE
A "PREJUDICED CLEAN-FREAK"...
THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF THEM AROUND, DOESN'T IT?
RASPUTIN WAS A CHARISMATIC SUPERSTAR,
AND ANNA VYRUBOVA WAS OBSESSED WITH HIS PASSIONATE VOICE AND HEART
BUT WHEN HE LEFT THE STAGE,
HE WAS SURROUNDED BY GROUPIES.
BUT THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T MAKE A MOVE, PERHAPS OUT OF RESPECT.
SHE JUST WATCHED HIM HAVE HIS LOVE AFFAIRS.
AND THEN WHEN SHE INTRODUCED HIM TO THE EMPRESS, WHOM SHE WORSHIPPED, THEY IMMEDIATELY BECAME CLOSE FRIENDS...

THE DIRTY SUPERSTAR IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF THE CLEAN VYRUBOVA.
BUT IN FRONT OF THE EMPRESS, HE KNEELS AND DEVOTES HIS LIFE TO HER.
YET SHE CAN'T STOP LOVING HIM.
VYRUBOVA'S FEELINGS GROW DEEPER AS HER LOVE IS UNANSWERED,
AND FINALLY TURN INTO HATRED.
IT'S JUST HOW I IMAGINE IT
KAMUI-CHAN, YOU'RE LIKE A LOVE EXPERT.
IS IT THE SAME FOR PRINCE YUSUPOV?
DON'T PUT THOSE TWO TOGETHER, THAT'S RUDE TO ANNA
That man cut off Rasputin's privates
I UNDER-STAND HER FEELINGS...


I THINK IT WASN'T JUST VYRUBOVA WHO WAS SUFFERING FROM JEALOUSY.
I WAS LOOKING AT THE SIGNATURES OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY ON THE BACK OF THE ICONS.
IT'S PAINFUL NOT TO BE LOVED BY SOMEONE YOU WORSHIP
AND "H A." IS THE INITIALS FOR NICHOLAS ALEXANDROVICH, RIGHT?
"NICHOLAS, SON OF ALEXANDER" IS LIKE HIS SIGNATURE AS A CHILD, NOT VERY CONFIDENT
I THINK THE EMPEROR WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THE RUMOR THAT THE EMPRESS AND RASPUTIN WERE LOVERS.
COMPARED TO THE PRINCESS'S SIGNATURES,
THE EMPEROR'S SIGNATURE IS DIFFERENT.

ARE YOU DONE?
HM?
IT'S POSSIBLE.
MEN WHO AREN'T CONFIDENT WANT TO BE THE ONLY "GOD" IN THE EYES OF THEIR WIVES.
BUT ANNA AND THE EMPRESS WERE OBSESSING OVER RASPUTIN...
YEP
KAMUI WOULD WORRY OTHERWISE, RIGHT?
...YEAH
WE SHOULD KEEP IT IN THIS
IT'S NOT THAT HARMFUL AS LONG AS YOU'RE JUST HOLDING IT,
BUT IT'S NOT COMPLETELY HARMLESS
DID YOU HAVE THAT SUITCASE SPECIALLY MADE?
MOVE OVER.

SUMI-KUN DOESN'T LOOK GOOD
HE'S FINE, HE'S FINE
IT'S JUST AN AFTEREFFECT OF BEING POSSESSED BY RASPUTIN
Teehee
KAMUI-CHAN, WEREN'T YOU GOOD AT OBSERVING?
RATTLE
RATTLE
Sigh.
SUMI-KUN, DOES YOUR HEAD HURT?
HERE!
I HAVE MOTION SICKNESS MEDICINE.
IT'S MY HEART THAT HURTS.

EXIT
WHAT'S BIG IS
IT TAKES A WEEK TO RIDE THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY FROM END TO END, RIGHT?
NO WONDER, RUSSIA'S SO BIG—
MY LOVE
FOR KAMUI-CHAN
"LOVE"
WHAT RHYMES WITH "LOVE" ...
IT'S NOT A GAME!
grab

I LOVE YOU,
RATTLE
KAMUI!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
THEN YOU KNOW NOW.
LOVE ME, KAMUI-KUN!!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU BETTER THAN THAT IDIOT EVER CAN!
...I DIDN'T KNOW
Sigh
S SUMI-KUN.

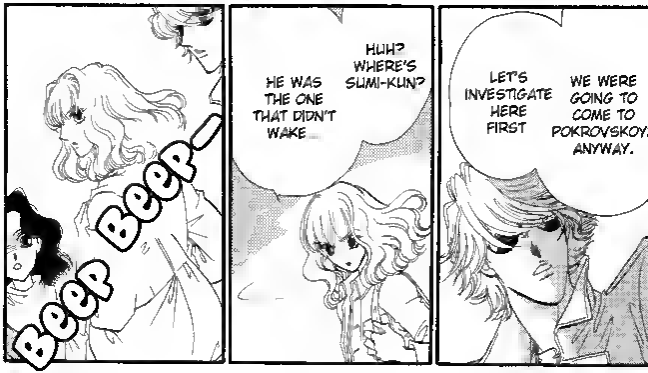
I..
DON'T WANT TO BE TAKEN CARE OF
I
I SAW AT THE HERMITAGE
AND I ONLY WANT TO KISS SENA.
AND I'VE ALREADY KISSED SENA A FEW TIMES

HOW MANY MORE HOURS UNTIL WE REACH YEKATERINBURG?
UHH— ABOUT EIGHT HOURS.
SUMI-KUN?
I
FINE.
IT'S STILL LIGHT OUT BECAUSE OF THE ARCTIC NIGHT.
BUT IT'S ALREADY NIGHT—
SHOULD WE SLEEP?
THANKS.
I'LL STAY AWAKE, SO SLEEP
I'LL WAKE YOU UP WHEN WE GET THERE
SUMI-KUN—

I HOPE HE'S FINE...
Chatter
Chatter
I FELL ASLEEP AND MISSED IT
WAKE UP

ПОКРОВСКОЕ
THE PLACE WHERE RASPUTIN WAS BORN—
THIS ISN'T YEKATERINBURG AT ALL...
IT'S POKROVSKOYE!

THE TRAIN BACK TO YEKATERINBURG WON'T COME UNTIL TWO HOURS.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
IT CAN'T BE A COINCIDENCE...

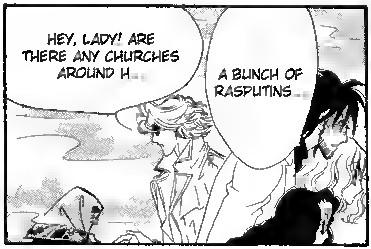

Beep Beep—
HE WAS THE ONE THAT DIDN'T WAKE...
HUH? WHERE'S SUMI-KUN?
LET'S INVESTIGATE HERE FIRST
WE WERE GOING TO COME TO POKROVSKOYE ANYWAY.

I GOT US A TAXI.
TELL HIM IN RUSSIAN
THAT WE WANT TO GO TO THE VILLAGE RASPUTIN WAS BORN.
rrr
rumble
IT'S FURTHER IN THE URAL MOUNTAINS...!!
NOT A LOT OF RASPUTIN FANS COME HERE.
I KNOW A PLACE CALLED RASPUTJE, THOUGH.
Watch the road!
IS— IS IT IN THE MOUNTAINS?

VROOOM
BYE
РАСПУТЬЕ
RASPUTJE
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
IT'S LIKE HE KNOWS THE WAY.
WE'LL HAVE TO ASK THE LOCALS.
THIS WAY
SUMI-KUN?
IT'S REALLY JUST A CROSSROAD.
IT MEANS "CROSS-ROADS."
ARE THERE HOUSES AROUND HERE?
THE MIST IS TOO THICK...

LOOK, I THINK IT'S A VILLAGE!
RASPUTIN'S VILLAGE?
DOES THE NAME "RASPUTIN" COME FROM THE WORD "CROSSROADS"?
THERE'S A THEORY
THAT HIS NAME COMES FROM THE WORD "RASPUTISTOVA" MEANING LUST.
WHOA—
THAT'S LIKE HIM—
RASPUTIN'S INTERPRETATION OF THE DOCTRINE SAYS TO REPENT FOR YOUR SINS AND YOU'LL BE SAVED
THERE WAS A SECTION THAT SAID "COMMIT SINS FIRST," MEANING PROMISCUITY IS OKAY, RIGHT?
THEN HE'S DONE IT LOTS OF TIMES AT HIS HOME TOW...
FOOL!!

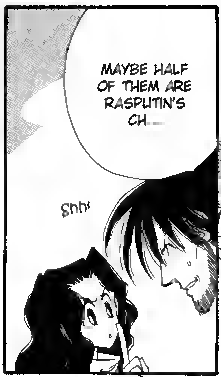
SOMEONE'S COMING!!
OKAY.
Seriously, what's happened to you, Sumi kun?
OH...
THAT'S A MADE-UP STORY TO SLANDER RASPUTIN!
I
R...R... RASPUTIN?
...AAH!


HEY, LADY! ARE THERE ANY CHURCHES AROUND H...
A BUNCH OF RASPUTINS...

rattle
rattle
rattle

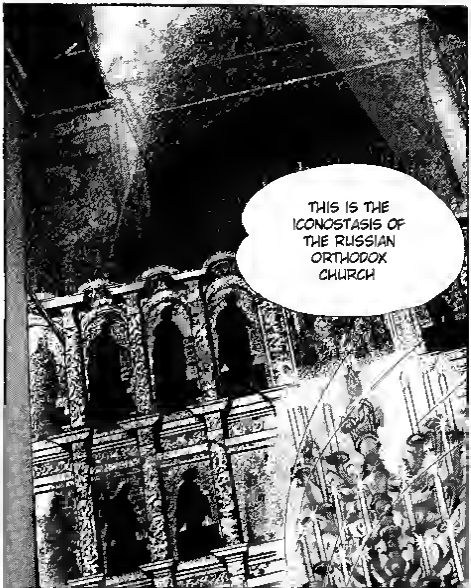
TAKUTO, THIS MAN SAYS HE'LL GUIDE US

WHO ARE YOU? YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE


MAYBE HALF OF THEM ARE RASPUTIN'S CH...
sigh

NICE TO MEET YOU.
MR. RASPUTIN, A STARETS.
HALF THE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE HAVE THE LAST NAME "RASPUTIN."

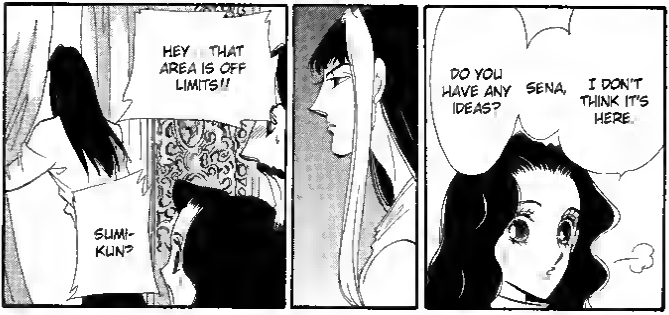
THIS IS A CHURCH THAT OUR FATHERS' GENERATION ERECTED
ON THE RUINS OF GRIGORI RASPUTIN'S UNDERGROUND CHURCH, IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM


THIS IS THE ICONOSTASIS OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

PLEASE, COME IN
WHOA...
SO MANY ICONS!!

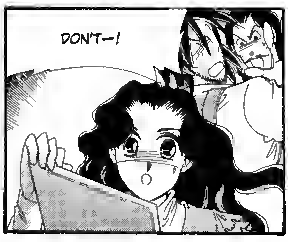
THE INSIDE IS BEAUTIFUL
THE ICON OF THE VIRGIN?
WHERE IS...
...IT'S NOT HERE!!

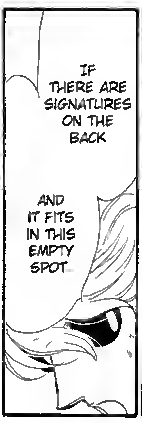
DO YOU KNOW OF THE ICON OF THE VIRGIN DONATED BY ANNA VYRUBOVA?
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.
AS I THOUGHT...

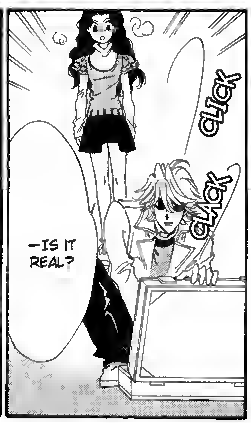

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?
SENA, I DON'T THINK IT'S HERE.
HEY... THAT AREA IS OFF LIMITS!!
SUMI-KUN?

THERE'S A ROOM OVER HERE?
ONLY CLERGYMEN CAN ENTER THAT ROOM!!
fwish
WHAT!?
THAT'S—

"THE ICON OF THE VIRGIN"...?

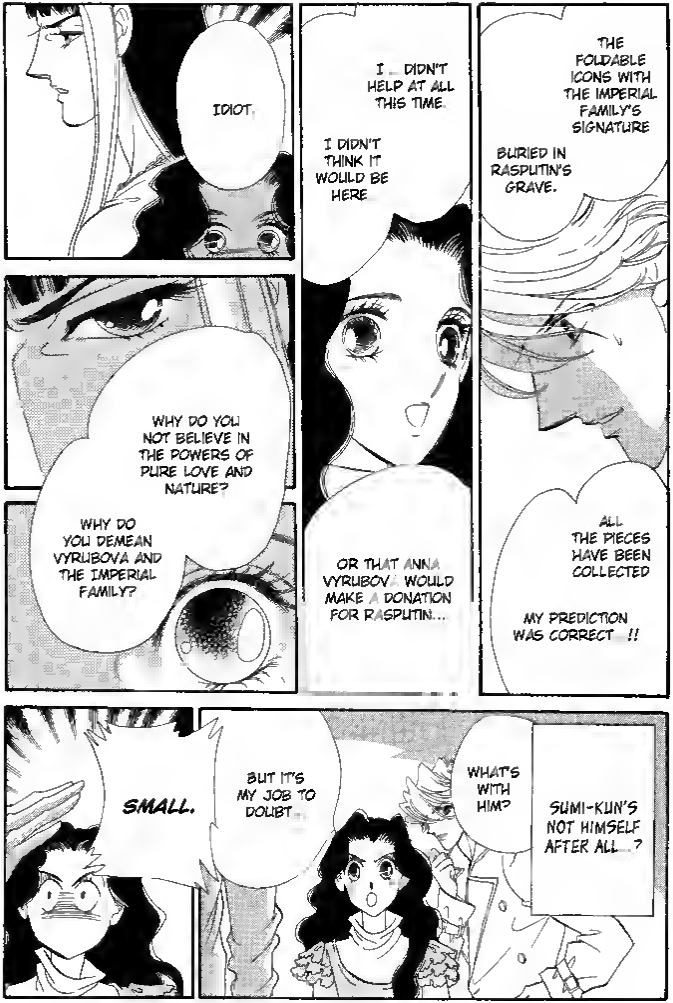

DON'T--!


IF THERE ARE SIGNATURES ON THE BACK
AND IT FITS IN THIS EMPTY SPOT


CLICK
CLICK
--IS IT REAL?

THEIR SIGNATURES ARE ON THE BACK!!

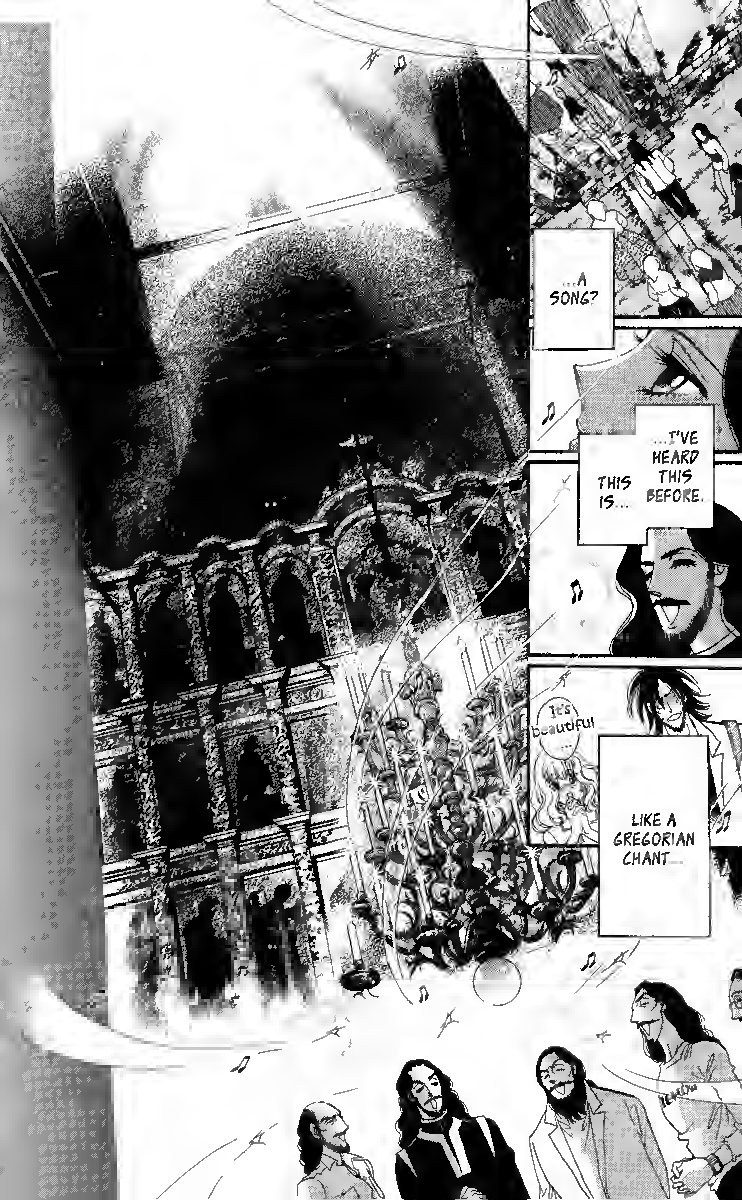
YES...!!
OH MY!! THERE WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL BONUS TO THE "VIRGIN" THAT MS. VYRUBOVA SENT US...
Whoaaa!
CONGRATULATIONS, SENA...
What's up with him?
He's gone.
THIS IS AMAZING! WE MUST CELEBRATE! I WILL TELL EVERYONE!!


IDIOT.
I... DIDN'T HELP AT ALL THIS TIME.
I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE HERE.
THE FOLDABLE ICONS WITH THE IMPERIAL FAMILY'S SIGNATURE BURIED IN RASPUTIN'S GRAVE.
WHY DO YOU NOT BELIEVE IN THE POWERS OF PURE LOVE AND NATURE?
WHY DO YOU DEMEAN VYRUBOVA AND THE IMPERIAL FAMILY?
OR THAT ANNA VYRUBOVA WOULD MAKE A DONATION FOR RASPUTIN...
ALL THE PIECES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED
MY PREDICTION WAS CORRECT !!
SMALL.
BUT IT'S MY JOB TO DOUBT...
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
SUMI-KUN'S NOT HIMSELF AFTER ALL...?

I HATE THE WORD "SM
SMALL ONE,
OPEN YOUR EYES!
BEHOLD THE THINGS BEFORE YOUR EYES CAREFULLY!
BEHOLD!
BEHOLD!
THE ICON!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE EMPRESS AND THE PRINCE AND PRAY FOR THEM
STARETS, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS ICON.
MY MOST IMPORTANT... THE POOR NOBLE MOTHER AND CHILD THAT HAVE BEEN STRICKEN BY MISFORTUNE
THIS STARETS IS MERELY A VULGAR, UNLEARNED MUZHIK FROM SIBERIA
BUT I HAVE BEEN GIVEN LIFE BY RUSSIA AND LOVE OUR PAPA, THE EMPEROR, SAME AS YOU
STARETS, YOU ARE THIS BLACK STONE THAT FELL FROM HEAVEN
YOU OPEN A GREAT HOLE IN THE EARTH, BUT THAT IS THE WILL OF GOD.
ANNA
YOU WILL LIVE A LONG FULFILLING LIFE
MAY YOU BE BLESSED, AND SOOTHE OTHERS

"THE VIRGIN"...
SYMBOLIZES THE EMPRESS ALEXANDRA AND PRINCE ALEXEI!!
SE...CUP
WHAT?
I CAN'T... MOVE
!?
GREEDY FOOL!
REALLY? THEN IT'S EVEN MORE VALUABLE!!


...A SONG?
THIS IS...
...I'VE HEARD THIS BEFORE.
It's beautiful...
LIKE A GREGORIAN CHANT—

I...
I...
FEEL THAT I SHALL LEAVE LIFE BEFORE JANUARY 1ST
IF I AM KILLED BY COMMON ASSASSINS,
AND ESPECIALLY BY MY BROTHERS THE RUSSIAN PEASANTS,
YOU, TSAR OF RUSSIA,
HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR
YOU WILL REMAIN ON YOUR THRONE AND GOVERN,
AND YOUR CHILDREN WILL REIGN FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS IN RUSSIA
IS THIS...
THE LETTER RASPUTIN WROTE A FEW DAYS BEFORE HE WAS KILLED...?
H... HUH?

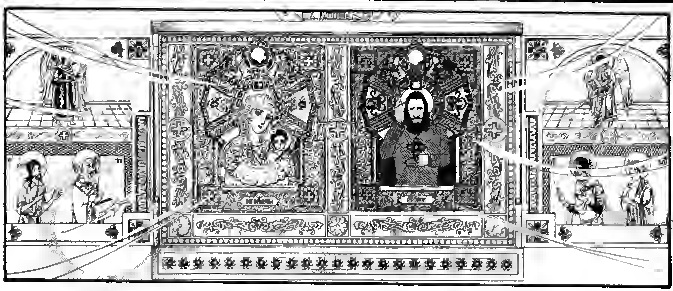
SUMI-KUN IS
LOOKING MORE AND MORE LIKE RASPUTIN.
BUT IF I AM MURDERED BY NOBLES,
THEIR HANDS WILL REMAIN SOILED WITH MY BLOOD, AND THEY WILL LEAVE RUSSIA
BROTHERS WILL KILL EACH OTHER AND HATE EACH OTHER,
AND FOR 25 YEARS THERE WILL BE NO NOBLES IN THE COUNTRY.
TSAR OF THE LAND OF RUSSIA,
WHEN YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF THE BELL WHICH ANNOUNCES MY DEATH,
YOU MUST KNOW THIS.
IF THE ONES WHO HAVE WROUGHT MY DEATH
ARE YOUR RELATIONS—

THEN NONE OF YOUR FAMILY AND RELATIONS
WILL REMAIN ALIVE FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS
THEY—
WILL BE KILLED BY THE PEOPLE OF RUSSIA
BELOVED FATHER OF RUSSIA— TSAR—
IT IS MY DUTY TO INFORM YOU OF THIS DREADFUL PROPHECY,
AS THE MUZHIK THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN POWER BY THE BLACK STONE FROM HEAVEN
I ASK FOR FORGIVENESS!
PLEASE ACT WITH CAUTION!
I BEG OF YOU!!
TELL YOUR FAMILY THAT I HAVE COMPENSATED WITH MY LIFE

I AM NO LONGER AMONG THE LIVING
PRAY...
PRAY!!
BE STRONG
CHERISH YOUR BLESSED FAMILY...
GRIGORI ..

I UNDERSTOOD AFTER ALL THE PIECES HAD BEEN COLLECTED,
THAT IT WASN'T JUST A SCRATCH.
"H II"...
"NICHOLAS THE 2ND."
I COULD NOT... SAVE...
fsh..
wham!
THIS IS...
THE DECISIVE SIGNATURE OF NICHOLAS II
WHEN HE FINALLY BECAME THE REAL EMPEROR—
WITH MY POWERS, THAT WAS ALL I COULD DO...

...KAMUI-CHAN,
I SAW IT, TOO.



UGH~
WHY DOES MY HEAD HURT SO MUCH—?

ARE YOU OKAY, SUMI-KUN?
I HAVE STOMACH MEDICINE IF YOU WANT SOME.
I'LL TAKE IT...
—I DON'T UNDER-STAND!!
WHY DID YOU GIVE THE CHURCH THE WHOLE ICON SET!?
IT'S REAL, RIGHT?
IT'S VALUABLE, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TWO...
I ONLY LENT IT TO THEM FOR 25 YEARS
AND I TOLD THEM THAT THEY NEED TO BE CAREFUL WHERE THEY STORE IT
OR DISPLAY IT...
BUT—!!
IT'S LIKE A SECURE SAFE! IF WE NEED IT, WE CAN COME BACK TO IT.
TO THIS "CROSSROAD" ...

IT'S NOT HERE!
THE ROAD WE CAME FROM, AND THE SIGN
IS THIS THE "CROSSROAD" BETWEEN WORLDS?

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